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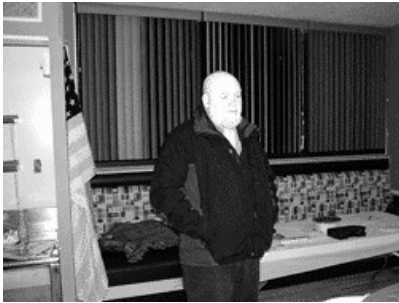
**NEXT MEETING - February 17, 2010 - 7:00 PM**  
**Ivo's Express Restaurant**  
**23819 West Eames Street**  
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This month, our guest speaker will be **Gary Gross**, member of the Defensive Tactics Excellence League. Gary will be speaking to us about personal protection. Bring a friend or family member that you know will benefit from learning some of the basics of self-defense.

Will County ISRA member, David Ernst, was the name drawn for the WCGR Gun Giveaway last month. Unfortunately, David was not present so another name will be drawn at the next meeting. Remember, the winner must be present, have a valid FOID and comply with all local, state and federal laws.

## **The President's Report 2010**

Don Moran, ISRA President, was our guest speaker for the first month's meeting of 2010. It has been a while since he last spoke to us and Don had much to tell us about what was going on in the ISRA.



Most of the members had wanted to hear more about the upcoming appointment

with the Supreme Court but all Don could say was that it was in Alan Gura's hands and all we can do is wait. After the oral arguments are finished on March 2, 2010, we will have to wait a little longer until the Court comes out with their decision and that will be probably around late June.

Mayor Daley will likely have some ordinance drawn up to make it tough for Chicago citizens to purchase handguns but, again, we will have to wait and see what the Mayor is up to. Then, as usual, the ISRA will have to roll up its sleeve to mount another counteroffensive.

The last time Don spoke to us was when the Kankakee lawsuit against the range was just starting up, in mid 2007. This past December, the plaintiff against us had just fired his attorney and it seems that the court battle may have to start over again. At least the other side will have to start over again. We have remained committed to resolving this matter and we believe that we will win this legal battle. More waiting.

The upcoming IGOLD event, on March 10th, is

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another important date to remember. Last year's IGOLD had over 5000 participants and it is hoped that we can bring together over 10,000 to Springfield this year. Don stressed that those kinds of numbers bring attention to the fact that the ISRA has become a force in Illinois and our legislators cannot ignore us. Please try to attend this great event and have our legislators witness our version of a "town hall" meeting.

Recently, the NRA recognized the ISRA as the "State Association of the Year." There are many reasons for this award. Primarily, it is the hard work of our Officers, Directors, staff, lobbyists and most of all, the membership that support this organization and its goal to defend the 2nd Amendment in Illinois.

The ISRA has grown over the past few years, but with over a million Illinois gun owners with FOID cards, I cannot

imagine how much power the ISRA would have with that kind of numbers backing our efforts. It is a goal to work for.

The Will County Grassroots thanks our President, Don Moran, for telling us what has been going on lately within the ISRA.

**Al Tiscareno**

**IGOLD**  
**03-10-2010**



### Chairman's Comments

*by Doug Mayhall*

After getting off the plane and walking to get a cab, I was shocked to see the huge line of people waiting for taxis. There had to be at least 400 people all

waiting in line, just like they would for a ride at an amusement park. It didn't take long to realize that the majority of them were going to the Shot Show. After about twenty minutes, I finally got a cab. To say the Shot Show was busy would be an understatement. It was wall-to-wall people everyday. The official tally recorded 31,280 buyers there and a record 1,804 were issued media credentials. The 1,800 exhibitors, including 125 international exhibitors, covered an incredible 700,000 square feet. Tallies show that 58,444 attendees came through the doors, leaving it just 200 people shy of the 2008 record. Many of you have seen the poster of Barack Obama with the caption, "...gun salesman of the year." There seems to be a lot of truth to that, judging from all the activity at the Show. Many of the manufacturers I talked to say they had either a great or fantastic year and a lot of ammo is still hard to get. In fact, we were warned to order our ammo now for the ISRA Range Open House, which will be held at the end of June.

I go to the Shot Show every year with Richard Pearson, Executive Director of ISRA, to visit the manufacturers and to get their commitment to exhibit their firearms at the Range Open House. They were pretty agreeable, especially after last year's fantastic attendance of almost 1900 people. They never get a chance to show their wares to so many likely buyers in one single day. There were all the normal gun exhibitors there, along with accessories of everything imaginable for every shooting discipline there is. And, there were all the "black" ops guns and accessories for

military and police. They really had some incredible guns, night scopes and armored vehicles on display.

We also visited the NRA people and, after last year's resounding success of what we billed NRA Day at the Range, they readily agreed to fund another large mailing to help promote it. This is the kind of cooperation that is so good to have between pro-gun groups. Everyone wins. The NRA and ISRA both get a chance to show what they can do for Second Amendment supporters and both groups get more members at the same time. We get more people to join the range and be able to shoot. The manufactures ultimately sell more guns and new shooters get to see how enjoyable shooting can be.

Something we heard about constantly was the McDonald v. Chicago case going to the U.S. Supreme Court next month. We were congratulated for helping to bring it about and were asked many questions about it. Alan Gura gave a very good talk about it at a press conference, as did Alan Gottlieb and Richard Pearson. The Second Amendment Foundation booth had a lot of activity the whole time also.

Ironically, my cousin from Colorado who is a photographer and journalist, was in Las Vegas at the same time the Shot Show was going on, so we were able to have dinner one night together. It was very enjoyable since he and I seem to be among the minority in our family; we are conservative ones and believe in the Constitution as it was written, including the Second Amendment. It was good to be able to talk to him in person instead of e-mail or by phone.

Another thing I need to mention is that IGOLD is coming again on Wednesday, March 10th. Last year we broke the 2008 number of attendees by a landslide, having 5000 gun rights' activists there. And, with the present political climate in Washington and Springfield not being overly gun friendly, it is especially important that we get many more attendees so that the legislators know we are a force to be reckoned with. The gun friendly legislators need to know they have the strong support of thousands of Second Amendment supporters and the unfriendlies need to know we can vote them out of office if they don't mend their anti-gun stance. So help us to help gun owners everywhere by attending IGOLD and by getting all of your friends to also attend. It is just one day out of your life and it is very important for our freedoms. For your convenience, there are busses going from all areas of the state or you can drive there if you so desire. To find out more information, visit our website [www.isra.org](http://www.isra.org) or call the ISRA office at (815) 635-3198. I'll see you there!

\*\*\* Please note \*\*\*

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## Calendar of Events

- February 14** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson (815) 758-2773
- February 17** **ISRA** Will County Grassroots Meeting - Ivo's Express Restaurant - Channahon
- February 27 & 28** G.A.T. Guns Factory Shoot - G.A.T. Guns - Dundee - (847) 428-4867
- March 7** Wheaton Gun Show - Dupage County Fairgrounds - Mike Holan (630) 365-2808
- March 10** **IGOLD (Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day) - Springfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198**
- March 13 & 14** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (866) 930-4422
- March 20** Midwest Sporting Goods Open House - Lyons - 708-447-4848
- March 21** Three Rivers FNRA Annual Dinner and Auction - Renaissance Center - Joliet  
See one of the WCGR committee members for tickets and more information or visit the FNRA website at <http://www.friendsofnra.org> and click on IL
- March 27** **ISRA** Reloading Class - Gander Mountain - Geneva - Mike Chastai (310) 997-5775
- April 3** **ISRA** Women On Target - Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club - Chillicothe - ISRA (815) 635-3198
- April 11** **ISRA** CMP Qualifying & Vintage Military Rifle Match - **ISRA Range** - Bonfield - Jess Brandt (815) 697-2205 or John Newman (815) 485-0351
- April 11** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson (815) 758-2773
- April 17 & 18** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (866) 930-4422
- April 17 & 18** Appleseed Event - **ISRA Range** - Bonfield - [www.appleseedinfo.org](http://www.appleseedinfo.org)
- May 13 - 16** NRA 2010 Annual Meeting & Exhibits - Charlotte Convention Center - Charlotte, NC  
It's not too early to start making plans to attend this event.

*\*\* Please use the above contact information for detailed information (i.e. fees, registration) and to confirm events as dates are subject to change without notice \*\**

*Please contact Chairman, Doug Mayhall, or the ISRA office if you would like to volunteer at any of the **ISRA** events*

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