



Wasting Ink By Jeff Folloder

A leftover bit of procedure continues to plague the NFA community. And anyone that has tried to perform a civilian transfer has to endure the ignominy of the dreaded "CLEO Signature" requirement of the Form 1 and Form 4. Long before there was a reliable communication system, before there was an Internet, before there was a NICS network, NFA Branch relied on a chief law enforcement officer to give tacit approval to a transfer by stating that he or she didn't know of any reason why it shouldn't happen. That was then.

Yet we now have all of those wonderful bits of reliable and effective communication and background checking capabilities. And we still have the anachronism of needing to curry favor with the Sheriff in order to lawfully transfer a weapon. And when the Sheriff cannot or will not place his or her signature on the Form,

civilians are forced to get "creative" through the use of trusts and corporate entities so that the signature requirement vanishes.

The NFATCA has been working for several years to make this ineffective and re-



dundant requirement go away. The FBI background check required for any Form 1 or Form 4 is far more reliable than the hope that the Sheriff or Police Chief knows the history of a given applicant. And NICS can confirm that the person who is actually taking possession of an NFA

item is even allowed to. But more importantly, eliminating CLEO Signature requirements would allow more people to exercise their absolute right to purchase and utilize NFA items and actually increase the number of background checks on NFA transfers to 100%!

Harris County (the metropolitan area comprising the city of Houston, Texas) has more than 4,000,000 residents and has never had a Sheriff (Democrat or Republican) that was willing to sign an NFA Form. The Sheriff's assistant, when asked, indicated that the Sheriff would rather not know that an NFA weapon was in his jurisdiction (as in a trust or corporate transfer) than risk the political accusation of supporting the "proliferation of machine guns". Isn't it time we finally nailed this issue down and pulled the signature requirement off the Forms for good?



NFATCA Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **SAR West**, December 4-6, 2010, Phoenix, AZ
- ◆ **SHOT Show 2011**, January 18-21, Las Vegas, NV
- ◆ **Safari Club International 2011**, January 26-29, Reno, NV
- ◆ **Wanenmacher's Gun Show**, April 2 & 3, 2011, Tulsa, OK
- ◆ **Knob Creek Spring Shoot**, April 8-10, 2011, West Point, KY

When Does Size Matter?

When we are talking about the "size" of a bullet! The ATF's mission has always been to insure the safety of the public with regard to firearms and their associated ammunition. Given that this arena is ever-changing, the mission is both evolving and critical. The NFATCA is seeking to assist ATF in formulating an approach to regulating ammunition that removes the arbitrary nature of "single attribute" regulations such as caliber restrictions and employ an approach that encompasses a more realistic set of measurements. Clearly, a 40mm grenade launcher training round (powered by a .38 blank) is less of a threat to

public safety than a .416 Rigby hunting round. Yet under proposed regulation, the hunting round is unfettered, while ownership of the "chalk" round would require licensing, secure storage and mandatory inspection.

With a limited amount of resources available to be deployed against the administrative needs of such a scheme, resources that would necessarily be removed from other current functions, it is in the best interests of ATF to administer the law in such a way that public safety is maintained without the inefficient addition of bureaucracy that ultimately serves to undermine this safety. The NFATCA is working with

several other prominent organizations such as the NRA, NSSF, and SAAMI to make sure that our members do not get swept up in unnecessary bureaucracy.





You may have noticed that the view at the annual gun shows has become a bit more gray, a bit larger around the middle, and maybe a bit more folliclely challenged... It may be true. Some of the folks that have been in this NFA "game" have been dedicated gun show ninjas for quite a long time. When was the last time you checked out a small range?

At small shoots and get-togethers all over the country, a new wave of young faces is taking up safe stances behind some of the coolest weapons in the world. Dad's are teaching their daughters about proper weapon skills. Mom's are on the line with full auto and full smiles, the Boy Scouts are earning their merit badges, and a new generation is finding out just how much fun this hobby can be.

Sure, **we** always knew it was fun. That's probably why we started in

it, ourselves! But now it's time to make sure that we keep it alive for everyone. And this is no small thing that is asked. Take your kids to the range. Better yet, take the neighbor and *their* kids to the range! Participate in an **Appleseed** shoot and take some time to pass along that treasure trove of information that is locked up in that head of yours.

The Next Wave

Better yet, why not give each of those kids a start in supporting NFA rights by sponsoring their membership in the NFATCA? For just \$50 you can sponsor a new Associate membership in the only organization dedicated to the world of NFA. Head on over to www.nfatca.org and click the **Join Now** link on the front page.

Now take a deep breath. Remember back to the very first time that you dropped the hammer on a machine gun or a suppressed weapon. How big was the grin on your face, how strong was that feeling of WOW? It's time to pass that feeling along and make sure that the ability to own NFA weapons is cared for and protected for anyone and everyone that can legally own them. You fought hard and paid a lot for the right. Don't let it vanish!



Got Stuff?

The NFATCA auctions various donated items in fund-raisers throughout the year.

Call 281.492.8288 or email info@nfatca.org if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation.

The Perils of Open Carry (OC)

While it may be perfectly legal to open carry in many places, you should be aware that not everyone, including law enforcement, knows that. Try to follow this story:

"I put \$2 in the parking meter for my 2 hour lunch break, slung my MP5 clone across my chest and made the 1 block walk to the meeting spot outside of city market. As soon as I arrived in the court yard I noticed a sheriff deputy sitting inside and eating lunch. I checked my emails on my phone as I waited for other OC'ers to show up. About that time the sheriff deputy came

out of the bldg. He and I locked eyes and he stops dead in his tracks and makes a call on his cell phone. About 1 minute later he is talking on his radio. About that time one other OC'er shows up and we start chatting. Then the Deputy starts walking towards us and ask what we were doing. We both said exercising our rights and educating the general public about OC'ing. He made a comment that he was just wondering and would pass the info along to his LT, wished us a good day and left."

It went downhill after that. More

OCers, more cops, confrontation, people asserting their rights, cops getting nervous, disarming, cuffs and general craziness. Once things settled down, all of the OCers got their weapons back and received an authoritative lecture. The scene could have easily escalated into a much uglier affair, and all were thankful that it did not. But it is food for thought. Being right does not always mean that there will not be a conflict.

The OCer in question is now a member of NFATCA!

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...and can be so illegal for most! It is quite easy to modify a Glock pistol into a select fire or full-auto weapon. Parts and kits are available on the Internet, from mail order and at gun shows for what seems like a cheap price. So why not?

As long as you bear in mind that the ATF considers the conversion device a post-sample machine gun and that you must have the proper licenses and documentation to just *have* this, you should be fine. And given the general view of the meaning of "constructive intent," it

would be best to understand that just having all the parts under the same roof as a Glock might be an issue unless properly licensed. Okay. You likely understand that this is a severely restricted project with intense legal ramifications that should not, under any circumstances, be done by the average, law-abiding citizen.

If you do have one, though, watch out for that muzzle climb! 1,300 rounds per minute can get away from you pretty fast! #4: Know your target and what's behind it.

Glock, It's So Easy...

