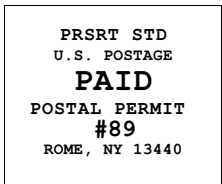


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## NEWSLETTER

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### FEDERATION REPORT

Meeting of Dec. 6, 2010

Guest at this meeting was ECO Steve Lakemen.  
730 people were arrested state wide for violations.  
The Dark Night program, using mechanical deer, was responsible for a good part of those arrested, Lakeman reported. HRSI, 0 for Oneida county.  
Fish & Wild Life Management, No funding for board.  
13 pairs of nesting Bald Eagles have been Documented.  
Bills;  
Antlers restrictions went down in defeat.  
Tentative plans for Banquet, April 30.

### NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

Membership applications: Ronald Fedor of Rome Sponsored by Mike Bourgeois, Steve Mcallister of Canastota sponsored by Ort Burleigh, John Roman of Vernon sponsored by Kit Destefano Dennis McElroy of Vernon sponsored by Les Wiedrick and Darryl Tardugno of Rome sponsored by Lance Tardugno.  
Members voted in: Frank Pry of Rome, Jay Master of Rome, Russell Henry of Verona, Milton Porter and Dennis Waters of Rome.

### Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in

#### ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS are coming up soon. Anyone interested in holding office in the club should contact the president, or any club officer to make your desire to serve known. The Board of Directors will meet soon to review the positions up for election and pursue nominations for the elective posts. Nominations must be in at the Jan. Meeting. Elections will be held at the Feb. Meeting.

#### Steel Plate Tournament

There will be a steel falling plate tournament for .22 LR handguns on our indoor range Saturday, February 19, 2010. Shooting will begin at 1 PM and continue through the afternoon. There is no entry fee for this tournament. We plan to have food and coffee, please bring a food dish to share. We will supply coffee, lunch meats, and bread. This will be our standard tournament format, 48 shots in 6 shot strings, lowest total time wins. Total time will be clock time plus a 2 second penalty for each plate left standing. All members with a handgun permit are invited to participate. This is a fun shoot so don't stay home because "I'm not good enough". Everyone is good enough to shoot our tournaments. These tournaments are great fun so please join us. If you need more information call Les Wiedrick evenings at 336-7330 or e-mail at plateshooter@gmail.com .

#### LEGISLATION

The National Rifle Association Strongly Opposes the Nomination of Andrew Traver to Head BATFE - Calls on President Obama to withdraw the nomination. Traver has been deeply aligned with gun control advocates and anti-gun activities. This makes him the wrong choice to lead an enforcement agency that has almost exclusive oversight and control over the firearms industry, its retailers and consumers.

DOJ Inspector General Proposes Multiple Sales Reports on Long Guns  
As was noted in the Sept. 24, 2010 Grassroots Alert, a draft report prepared by the Justice Department Inspector General had called into question the BATFE's mega-million-dollar Project Gunrunner program. Established in 2007, this program sought to expand the agency's firearm tracing operation, relative to the still uncertain amount of smuggling of firearms from the United States to Mexico. This week, the report appeared in final form.

#### NEXT MEETING

**Jan. 12**  
**7:30 PM**

#### Amtrak Prepares For Guns In Checked Bags

Friday, December 03, 2010

Railroad passengers on Amtrak should soon be able to once again transport firearms in checked baggage. The change is slated to begin on Dec. 15, the effective date of the amendment by Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., that forced Amtrak to accommodate gun owners. The new service will only be available between stations where checked baggage service is currently available.

As when transporting guns on a commercial airline flight, gun owners should pack firearms unloaded and in a locked, hard-sided container. Ammunition should be stored in a manufacturer's box or in "fiber, wood, or metal boxes ... or in other packaging specifically designed to carry small amounts of ammunition." Unlike airlines, Amtrak also requires handgun cases to be stored inside a suitcase or other checked bag.

Also unique to Amtrak is a requirement (forced by a last-minute change to the amendment) that travelers notify Amtrak of their intention to transport firearms, at least 24 hours before departure. Notification must be by phone (not online), and firearms must still be declared upon check-in.

No matter how seemingly modest the change, and despite Amtrak's unique restrictions, it's still too much for anti-gun activists. In a story on ABCNews.com, Brady Center attorney Daniel Vice claimed, "the baggage car's not secure like a cargo hold of an airplane." Amtrak spokesman Steve Kulm rebutted the hysterical claim, noting that the rail service modified 142 baggage cars "to provide a secure, safe location for the firearms."

With airport security and airline baggage fees becoming more burdensome by the week, rail travel may become more appealing to shooters and hunters. The NRA will watch the new program closely to see if any new problems arise. In the meantime, travelers with questions should call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).