

# EDITOR'S NOTES

Greetings! This issue features two articles by Bob Statler, the first one on Ashland County maker Hugh Weaver and another in the form of an interview with a 19th century gunsmith first featured in an 1890s's Mansfield newspaper. I thank Bob for the time spent and talent exercised in producing the articles about these deserving gunsmiths which enhances our picture of Ohio long rifle culture. Two other articles in the issue deal with gun smiths from 19th century Shelby County (established in 1819), Ohio. To learn more about the county in which these gun smiths operated, this author made a quick trip to Tawawa Park and the town square in Sydney. The amazing architecture of the old courthouse and the unique Civil War stature of a veteran leaning on a musket ensconced high in the frieze of the Monumental Building, were worth the trip. As was the brisk walk

along parts of the Greater Miami Riverway in the extensive park. Shelby County is in a part of Ohio with many historical associations dating back to the later 18th century and earlier. (I am looking forward to a second visit this summer.) This issue also has a short piece on accoutrements made by two contemporary Ohio frontier-era artisans, the well-known and prolific Ken Netting of Columbus and Daniel Aubhil, located in rural Wyandot County. Stay warm and keep your powder dry – Spring is on the way!

*Yours truly, Mark Bender*  
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## GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSION

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1. The preferred format for articles is a Word document. Please use size 12 font, single or double space, 1 inch margins.
2. Printed photographs, drawings, and typed or handwritten manuscripts can be mailed to:  
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3. Articles in Word (or compatible system), photos (j-pegs or other formats), and correspondence can be emailed to this address: mabgogo@yahoo.com
4. Please put "AOLRCfile" in the subject line of the email.
5. Please run a spelling and grammar check on your e-files and otherwise proofread them.
6. Please put the **title and author's name** at the top of the article; use the same font size for the whole article.
7. **Photographs** can be color or black and white. If you are not a professional, good results can be obtained by taking photos of objects in soft, outdoor light. Lay the object on a non-reflective black background (blanket, etc.) with no background clutter. Please keep in mind how a color image might look if presented in black and white. Photos should be clear and sharp. (Professionals will, of course, have their own protocols.)
8. Use **past issues as a guideline** to content. Ideas for articles include local or family histories of pre-1900 Ohio gunsmiths and the use of muzzle-loading arms; detailed descriptions of representative or unique rifles (in terms of features or level of craftsmanship); accoutrements; short interviews with AOLRC members relating to collecting and appreciation of the Ohio long rifle as a folk art; accounts of early shooting clubs, shoots, tales, etc.
9. The newsletter is normally published twice a year. Submissions are always welcome, however timely notices for the Spring or Fall shows need to be received **at least 6 weeks** in advance.



# MEET THE DIRECTORS

BY MARK HERMAN

Hello everyone,

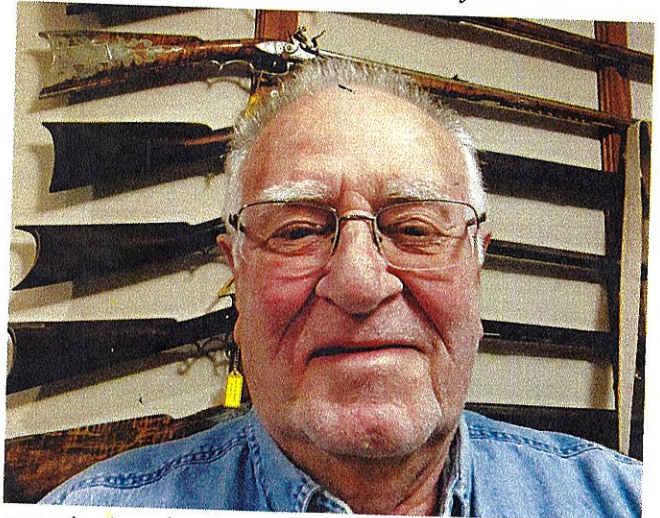
I probably don't need to be introduced to most of you but for some of you newer members I will brag a little.

I have been a member of our association since 1978 when I was a youngster, not so much anymore. I have had the privilege of serving on your board of directors for a lot of years in a lot of capacities including President at the turn of the century. Some of the highlights of those years were arranging annual banquets, starting our fall show and picnic/shoot, serving on several book committees and doing whatever was necessary. In April 2003 I was honored to receive the Forrest G. Tilton Award For Distinguished Service, putting me into a very prestigious group of former Presidents and members. I am honored once again to have your, and the board's confidence by allowing me to serve as your President. I hope I can meet your expectations.

None of us would be here if we didn't have a sincere interest in history and in particular the history of the Ohio longrifle. My interests are the same as yours, perhaps just in a different area of the state. My interest falls to all Ohio longrifles but centers in Franklin County as well as all longrifle related accoutrements.

My wife, Judy, and I have made many friends over the years and look forward to seeing each of you at our events, it is you who have made this an important part of our lives. I intend to

*Mark Herman, current president of AOLRC.*



remain involved, in some way, as long as I can be productive and I hope we can count on each of you to do the same. This is your association and I, and the board work for you, help us be successful. We are only as far away as your phone or computer.

Respectfully,  
Mark