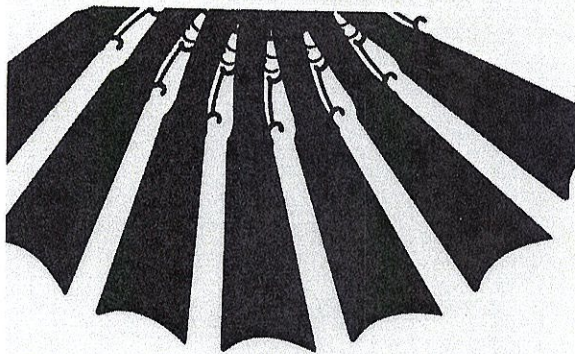

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President's Message

Well folks, It's that time of year again-Marietta. Call the Lafayette Hotel (find the contact info online) and make sure your room is reserved. Friday night, we will have our usual buffet and birthday party with a twist. The ladies will be conducting a silent auction to benefit our printing fund for the upcoming book. Look further in this newsletter to find all of the details. For tables, call either Jim Claggett or Rod Frazer. Our featured gunsmith this year will be Larry Bryner. If you have a rifle that Larry built please contact Bob Poch to put it in the display. We will also have the David Leonard display. This exhibit has won awards at the Ohio Gun Collectors display show and the National Rifle Association annual show.

Our guest speaker for the banquet will be Mr. Frank Butwin. Frank is from north-west Ohio and has spent many years researching people and events that helped form our great state. He intends to focus

this presentation on Gen. Anthony Wayne. Our directors election will take place this weekend. If you want to be on the ballot or want to nominate someone contact Alan Corbett or John Reinbolt.

Moving further in the year, we are working on scheduling another shoot/picnic for Sunday August 4th, 2019 at the Log Cabin Shop. See the website and Facebook page for details. Look for details at Marietta or on our website or Facebook page. Looking on to September, the 28th, will be our Newark buy/sell/trade show. It gets bigger and better every year. In closing, I'm sad to report the passing of Lee Hammel. Lee had been a police officer and taxidermist for years but most of us knew him as Cecil Brooks apprentice. In that capacity, he traveled with Cecil and continued the tradition of making the presentation rifles for the N.R.A. annual meetings.

Sincerely, Tom Oakes

President Oakes Brings Honor to AOLRC

BY MARK BARNHILL

Congratulations to our organization's president for competing in and winning two of Ohio's long-standing slug gun matches at Canal Fulton!

In May 2018 Tom won the "High Original Rifle" match with his 1876 Peter Reinhard slug gun. Tom's score was a respectable 95-4x 2x 100 yards. Also, Tom adds his name to the 63 year old revolving "Lester Cox" trophy, by winning the 100 yard match with a score of 50-2x. This famous old trophy bears names of some of the finest slug gun shooters in Ohio. This match is included in the "Ohio State Championship" matches.

Tom's rifle has been published and discussed as a historic rifle, under the name "Old Butt Burner," in *Black Powder Cartridge* magazine.

Editor's Note: Peter A. Reinhard (1827-?) was a German immigrant to the US at age 5, premier Ohio gunsmith, and expert marksmen who lived and worked in Loudonville. He is said to have shot only rifles built by himself. See the September, 1980 edition of AOLRC Newsletter for more info.

Editor's Notes

2019 is the 40th anniversary of the AOLRC Newsletter, the first issue appearing in August, 1979. If you consult the AOLRC website (www.aolrc.com), you can find that and highlights of subsequent issues. Much hard work and research has gone into producing 40 years' worth of newsletters, which serve to provide information on early Ohio guns and gunsmiths. Warren Offenberger and Ronald Yerian were former editors who deserve credit for nurturing the newsletter over the decades, along with many other who helped out.

In the February 2007 issue is a tribute to the first 30 years of the AOLRC organization, which is worth reading today. The names of many contributors reflect the vast amount of knowledge on Ohio rifles and other firearms held by AOLRC members and featured in small part in the newsletter. The newsletter continues to serve as a vehicle for transmitting knowledge on these unique and often misunderstood items that physically chart the early decades of Ohio. It continues, too, to be a means to create community among persons sharing similar interests and passions. That community is reflected in notices for the annual Marietta show, the Newark show, and the Ladies Auxiliary page.

The first issue featured articles on 19th century Ohio

gunsmiths Alexander Ager and Alexander. C. McGirr. Warren Offenberger, a leading world expert on McGirr rifles presented a brief overview of McGirr's life and his shop near Front St. in Marietta, which burned in 1858. In a recent issue we have printed pages from Ager's daybook, which included notes on his gunsmithing and repair work. This issue, April 2019, features an article describing one of McGirr's rifles in detail.

I hope that the newsletter, in what ever format it appears in the future, will continue to be a resource on information concerning the organization and a resource on the art and collecting of the Ohio muzzle-loading rifle and related accoutrements. And as usual, I hope that readers will submit articles – please see the information below.

Bonus Fact: I recently became aware that opossums eat ticks. In fact, research shows that an individual opossum can consume up to 5,000 ticks a year. Their ground-hugging posture and cat-like grooming habits combine to make them the tick vacuum cleaners of the wilds. From now on 'possums will be welcome guests in my yard.

Best wishes, Mark Bender

Related link: <https://www.caryinstitute.org/newsroom/opossums-killers-ticks>

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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.