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Today's speaker was Mark Abramson—Los Ranchos Gun Shop



I was not at today's meeting, so am not able to present a detailed summary of Mark's presentation. In place of that, today's bulletin will be collection of "The Best of Mark Abramson". A little information gleaned from past EAGA presentations; news reporter interviews; eavesdropped conversations; and some other probably not fictitious events along the way.

Mark was born in Ft, Bragg, NC way back when Adlai Stevenson did not become President for the second time. He somehow got to Ohio where he spent a lot of his youth. We have only been exposed to a couple of peeks into Mark's growing up years, but those glimpses indicate that he had some interesting, and enjoyable, times. For instance, Mr. Abramson was a member of a Boy Scout Troop - for a little while. His troop participation ended rather abruptly, right after Mark was kind enough to share a few bottles of his father's alcoholic beverage stash with the scouts during one their camping events. But that was quite awhile ago. He has changed his ways since then...a little anyway...and has become a relatively reputable citizen. Mark received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University Cincinnati in 1978, and a Juris Doctor degree from American University in 1981. There are more than a few folks that would associate being a lawyer with having made something of your life. But more impressive is being an attorney licensed to practice in Michigan, Ohio, Washington D.C. and even New Mexico. Mr. Abramson has made other decisions that improved his lot in life too. He married Mindy. Correct. They are Mark & Mindy, and they are probably long-ago tired of hearing the phrase "Nanu Nanu". Mark's attorney life involved work in Business Law and Employee Benefits Law. It was apparently enjoyable, but hectic. In 2001, the Abramsons began thinking about finding a place to retire, or at least wind down a bit. They were pretty sure that it should somewhere not Ohio or Michigan. The Abramsons had friends in New Mexico, so visited here to see what this part of the country was like. Our state was so impressive that it took 12 more years for them to buy a home and move to Albuquerque. By that time, Mark had become heavily involved in firearms education, training and activities. His venture into the gun world was triggered (sorry) by the actions of Toledo's mayor, Carty Finkbeiner; one of Mr. Abramson's more amazing politicians (don't forget that term 'amazing' can be positive or negative). Mark's retirement from law work did not coincide with the Abramson's move to Albuquerque. He actually continued to work in Ohio, and commuted there more often than he wanted. Finally the frequent flyer miles lost their luster and jet lag took a toll on the old boy, so Mark substantially cut back on his remote law work. But he was not the kind of guy to just sit around the house. And Mindy probably wasn't interested in him just sitting around the house. So a little investigating here and a little research there, and Mark became the proud owner of the Los Ranchos Gun Shop. Not really as drastic of a change in his life as it first appears to be. As noted before, Mark was already quite involved in firearms education and training. He is an NRA approved Training Counselor and is a part of the Shooting Sports Committees for Boy Scout Councils in Ohio and New Mexico, where he trains the next generation of youth shooters, instructors and merit badge counselors. Mr. Abramson is a member, or official, in a variety of firearms related organizations, such as New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Buckeye Firearms Association, and two gun clubs - Zia Rifle and Pistol Club in Albuquerque and Southern Michigan Sportsman's Club. Mark has spent a lot of time and energy becoming educated in all aspects of firearms use and safety; and he lives by his philosophy that "the best use of one's knowledge is to give it to someone else". He is active in supporting firearms rights and is not shy to share his opinion about the need for proper firearms safety education for children. An example is a recent Guest Column newspaper article replying to another intentionally misleading article by an apparent gun control advocate. An excerpt from Mr. Abramson's article: "...to lump 18-20-year-olds involved with gang- and drug-related shootings in with accidents involving children ages 0-14 to make a policy point is misleading and a frequent tactic gun-control advocates use to call for restrictions on firearms....Local leaders should implement [gun safety and education] programs in our schools and community centers, which are delivered in a manner and tone which speaks to children, without an agenda other than promoting safety." Mark stays involved, and he knows his stuff. If you are interested in having an intelligent conversation regarding firearms use, training, or safety, give Mark a call at 505-345-4276. He is also quite capable of providing good advice and assistance for purchasing a firearm. He knows a lot, and he is willing to share. And his lawyer background provides another level of expertise that greatly enhances the information that Mark provides. The lawyer life also provides a look at another side of Mark Abramson (see law firm photo above). He cleans up pretty good, doesn't he.

Business Leads:

None today

Reciprocity:

None today

- ◆ Welcome to our newest member
Paylocity
Representative: Joel Sanchez
and
- ◆ Welcome to Justin Breen, the new representative for
Keleher & McLeod
- ◆ Please note that there will not be a meeting on May 29th because of the Memorial Day Holiday.
- ◆ Calling all interesting, productive, successful, or all-of-the-above individuals: Tell us all your stories, secrets and adventures. Contact Executive Director Kevin, or President Soren, to get on the Speaker List as soon as possible.

Badge Board Greeters

Apr 24th	Terry White—Sunwest Trust
May 1st	Mike Deveraux—Document Imaging of the Southwest
May 8th	Patrick Wallace—NM Solar Group
May 15th	Steve Grant—Downtown Bed & Breakfast
May 22nd	Raul Rodriguez—Kings of Wrap
May 29th	No Meeting—Memorial Day Holiday
June 5th	
June 12th	

Upcoming Speakers

Apr 24th	Leon Marler—Marler Manor
May 1st	Jukka Jumisko—WSI Web Enhancers
May 8th	
May 15th	
May 22nd	
May 29th	No Meeting—Memorial Day Holiday
June 5th	
June 12th	

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