*** Introduction to the Paul Revere Network ***

Paul Revere was the original "Freedom Rider".

Today, we ride the North American continental telecommunications
network. We do so in support of the fundamental freedoms to
which we, as Americans, were born.

The Paul Revere Network (PRN) is a coast-to-coast network of
committed grass-roots gun rights activists who rely upon computer
bulletin board systems for their primary mode of communication.
Leroy Pyle (NRA Director and 27-year San Jose police veteran)
is Founder and Director of the PRN. Based in San Jose, CA,
Pyle's BBS (1:143/223) feeds all network message traffic both
to direct nodes and hub nodes. Currently, there is an East Coast
node (Virginia) and a Midwest node (Missouri).

The PRN offers an additional channel of information in the form
of Sighters!. This irregularly-published hard-copy newsletter
serves as our official publication; any who are interested in
receiving a sample copy may post a request for it on any PRN
board.

*** PRN: 2nd Amendment Orientation
PRN stands firm and four-square in support of the "NEW NRA" and
Neal Knox' Second Amendment Action. With respect to "compromise"
with the anti-gun factions, our policy is - and will remain - "No
Negotiation with Terrorists!"

*** PRN: Purpose
The purpose of the PRN is to allow local- and regional-level 2nd
Amendment activists to initiate and coordinate political actions
designed to further the movement's goals. Our ability to
instantly share information which affects us all gives us a
tremendous edge over the opposition. Using our computers, we can
multiply our efforts a hundred-fold; we will one day be able to
mobilize thousands of letters and telephone calls in support of
or in opposition to particular legislation or media actions. We
can "get the word out", as needed, and very quickly!

During this year's NRA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, PRN
members electronically posted updates on important happenings
there. Today (one month later), the general NRA membership has
yet to learn anything about happenings at the convention - and
won't, until the next issue of the American Rifleman comes out.
Meanwhile, PRN members know that (for example):
     1.) DCM has been fully funded,
     2.) All 17 of Neal Knox' 2nd Amendment Action slate was
         elected (and all but one of his other endorsees were
         elected to the nominating committee),
     3.) NBC has committed heavy resources to an effort to
         discredit the 2nd Amendment, with the end result being
         its repeal, and that NRA has committed heavy resources
         of its own to fight this battle.

This information was all posted to the PRN in the form of "Paul
Revere NetAlerts". Participating NodeOps post such NetAlerts
when the situation warrants.

During the recent riots in Los Angeles, users of the PRN learned

that Charlton Heston rudely refused to "loan a few guns" to some
(previously) anti-gun Hollywood associates and acquaintances.
Users also had an opportunity to discuss how best to relate the
lessons learned from the riots to our individual RKBA - in order
that they be ready to counter the anticipated media onslaught.

In addition to providing the ability to communicate rapidly, Paul
Revere Network Nodes all maintain 2nd Amendment-oriented file
areas. Structured at the discretion of the individual PRN Node
Operator (NodeOp), these file areas contain massive amounts of
data grouped under headings such as "firearms/technical", "2nd
Amendment reference", "letters to the editor" (for sharing
writing styles, topics, and ideas), local/regional grass-roots
action information, newsletter articles, legislative updates, and
so forth.

It is a fact that gunowners have lost ground over the past
several decades and that, further, the slope appears to be
steepening the farther we slide! States on both coasts now have
actual bans in place while in New York, registered rifles and
shotguns are scheduled for confiscation. Alert gunowners have
come to the fore and have, on their own, militated for a stronger
NRA, written letters, made appointments with their legislators,
made the phone calls, and so forth. Many of these alert
gunowners have joined forces with like-minded people local to
their area and begun to make concerted, unified local efforts to
halt the erosion of their gun freedoms.

We want these folks in our loop! The more we can tie grass-
roots, loosely organized activists together, the greater the
number of previously-uncommitted gunowners we can reach and
enlist in our cause. And there is no better a central
information-exchange medium than a local computer bulletin board
system!

*** PRN: How to join
Your BBS need not necessarily be "nodelisted" in FidoNet, but you
must have implemented a front-end mailer and a tosser. You may use
any mailer that accomodates normal FidoNet-format transmissions -
currently, various NodeOps are using D'Bridge, FrontDoor, and
BinkleyTerm, with D'Bridge in use at all main nodes.

Most of our PR_NET boards are nodelisted. This allows them to
carry some of the popular echoes available in FidoNet, including
RTKBA and Firearms.

Step 1: Create two new conferences - "PR_NET" and "PR_NODE_OP".
The former is the general PRN user conference which is swapped
openly across all the other PRN systems, while PR_NODE_OP is the
NodeOps' "private channel" and is flagged as "private" inside
your BBS software in such a manner as to restrict access to all
but other NodeOps. If the primary purpose of your BBS relates to
2nd Amendment issues, then we prefer that you make the Paul
Revere Network conference the default main conference. While
this is certainly not mandatory, it provides uniformity across
the net and enhances the ability of your users to engage in and
enjoy direct communication with the other activists in the Net.
Most NodeOps have the PR_NET conference set up as the main
conference with separate, local special-purpose conferences
available to their users.

Step 2: Make an identifying origin line. If your BBS uses the
PR_NET as its primary, root conference, then make the origin line
read along the lines of:

    "Paul Revere Network/Nevada (702) 555-1234"
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What this does is indicate that your board is a primary, "front-
line" Paul Revere Network board.

If you have an established board and want to keep its name in the
origin line, that's fine, too! We merely ask that the origin line
reflect membership in PR_NET ala the following examples:

    "Paul Revere Network/PA (Second Amendment) (814) 555-1234"
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or
    "The Second Amendment (PR_NET/PA) (814) 555-1234"
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Step 3: Scan your outgoing mail and poll your hub for mail pickup.
We understand that economics may limit the frequency of your calls.
While daily polling is optimum for most of us, we understand that
economics and light traffic on your board (especially if it is a
new board) might limit the need for frequent polling. We ask only
that you balance the requirement that the "word must get to the
grass roots" with your ability to provide the benefits of polling
PRN messages for your users. Remember: Without messages from its
various nodes, PRN will die.

You will need to contact your hub's Node_Op in order to establish
session-level password security.

As PRN grows and matures, more structure designed to enhance
overall function will be developed. We vow to never allow the
manifestations of the structure we impose to interfere with our
battle to preserve and further the Second Amendment.

We recognize the importance of local autonomy and value the input
of all NodeOps.

That's basically it! If you have further questions, call the
Paul Revere Network/San Jose at (408) 947-7800 or direct NetMail
there at 1:143/223.

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