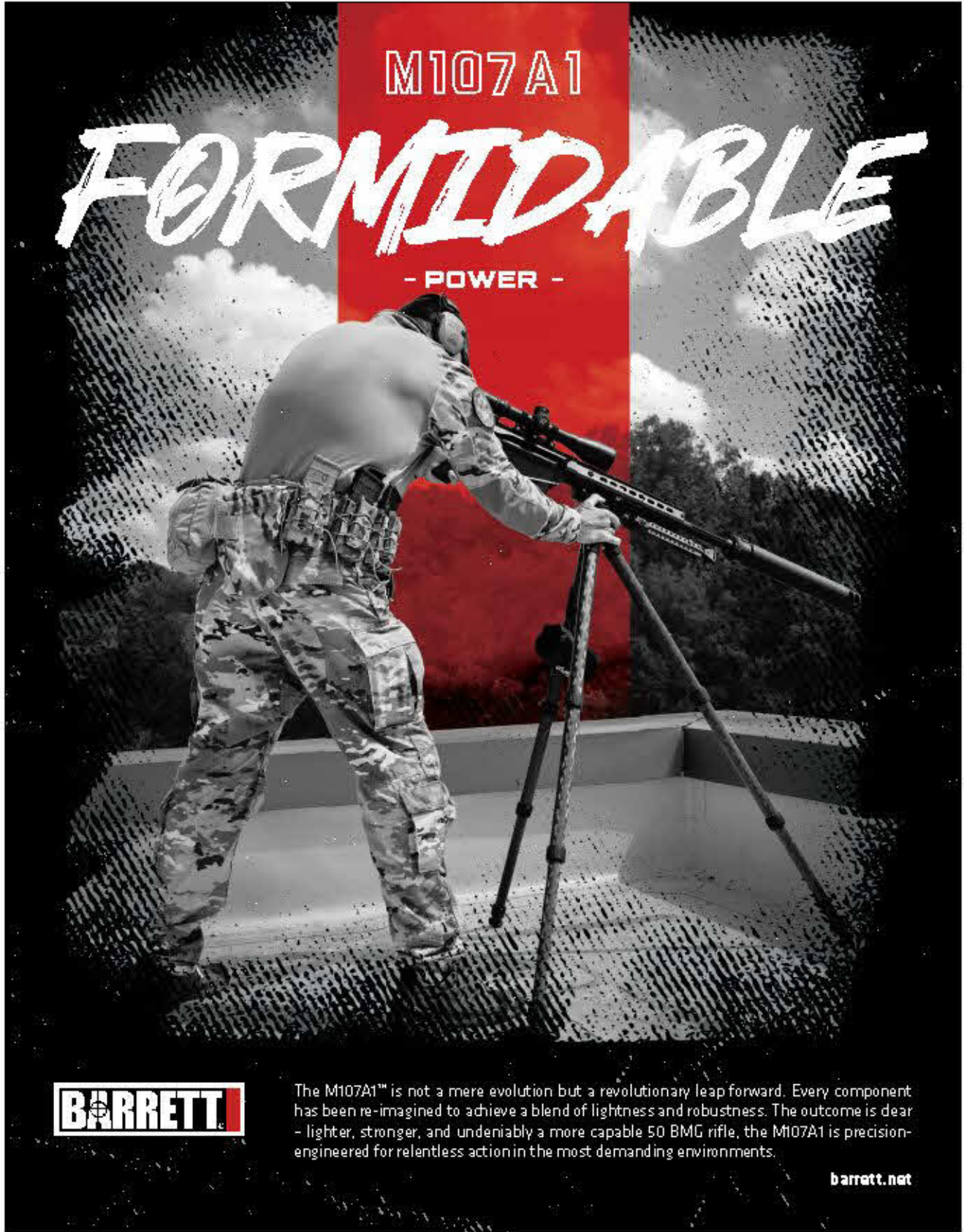


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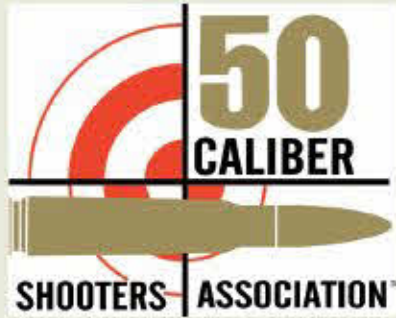
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## FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Karen Stojanik

*So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu*



**A**s the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end". My nearly 20 years with FCSA has, by and large, been better than good. It has been a wonderful experience of getting to work with so many incredibly talented, smart, devoted, passionate people. Of learning and growing. Of experiences that I would never have been part of if someone in 2005 hadn't asked me "do you know how to do office work?" It hasn't all been perfect, there have been bumps in the road along the way but I do not regret one minute of my time serving as Secretary/Treasurer of this great association.

And now it is time to start a new chapter (more than halfway through the story, but you never know where life is going to take you!) I hope that you all will be as wonderful to Roxanne as you have been to me. I hope all the best for Fifty Caliber Shooters Association and every single member past, present, and future.

Until next time.....

*Karen Ritarita Stojanik*





# Get SOCIAL!

**W**ant to stay up to date on FCSA doings?



## Check out the forums

<https://fcsa.org/members/>

The forums have a members' only space and a visitors' space



## See us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/260504259920105>

Our Facebook page is run by Brian Wink. It is open to the public.



## We are on YouTube -

You can see videos from the 2023 Raton shoot. If you shot video at Raton or some other shoot, please share it with the FCSA. Email [VHPeditor@gmail.com](mailto:VHPeditor@gmail.com) so you and Ben can get the video uploaded to the YouTube page.

If you are going to a .50 shoot, take some pictures and shoot some video and share them as well.

## Meetings

We are trying to have monthly Board meetings. These will be done online. We will post a link in the Members Only forum section of the website once we know how and what time the meeting happens. All are welcome to attend the meeting. As these are board meetings to conduct FCSA business, non-board members will be allowed their say at the end of the meeting to save time.

Meantime, if you have something you need to say or something to bring to the Board's attention, please use the Members forum of the website or contact one of the board members directly.



## From the Editor's Desk

Ben Baker, VHP Editor

**B**riefly: We paid off the bank note for the newspapers my biz partner and I own. I won my lawsuit against the local City Council. My knee is healing, but it is not where I want it to be. If you want details about these, please contact me privately. Info at the end of the column.

My knee matters to the FCSA because I cannot haul Ragnarok around yet. I planned to bring him to Raton, but that has been put off for another year.

Ed stepped in. He's agreed to run the match again in Raton. THANK YOU ED! Running a match of any kind is a LOT of work and running the world championships is on another level entirely.

Also, Ed has offered to let me shoot his gun to compete at Raton. As he said, "We set it up and it's done." He and I have worked out how this will work. This year, the line will have a newbie. Thank you Ed.

I am very much looking forward to shooting. Someone has to come in last after all.

### A 50 HANDGUN

Noreen has come out with a .50 BMG handgun.

I am working on getting one of these to do a full review in a future edition of VHP. Have a look here <https://onlylongrange.com/ulr-50-bmg-mini-rifle/>

Meanwhile, two shooters have already gone to the range with one.

Brandon Herrera, the AK guy, shoots one with a folding wire stock and a chainsaw front grip. Brandon is the guy developing a .50 BMG on an AK47 platform. Yes, I am trying to get an interview with him. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nbyhSfXH3g>

This is a pretty reasonable use for a chainsaw grip. I have several grips as a novelty item for sale in my shop. They do not mount well on a pump shotgun; not enough barrel clearance to be useful.

Scott DeShields, who you met in a previous issue of VHP, takes one to the range with just the standard rear grip and front pistol grip. Scott is the same guy whose RN 50 blew up on him. So you can understand his body armor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxZtmdnaPsQ>



### Things I noticed from the start:

This appears to be a pistol. It is not. Noreen says the barrel is 16.5 inches long, which makes it a rifle. So the folding stock, forward grips, et al are OK. You do not need an SBR permit for this gun, unless you shorten the barrel even more.

Recoil has got to be substantial. Brandon hip shot his. That wire frame on a shoulder - nope. Not me. I will have plenty of extra padding when I drop a hammer on this one.

Does a .50 BMG handgun even exist? Yes.

Birdman, a YouTuber from the early days, did a satire video with a .50 BMG handgun.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q\\_XX2lIT-1tQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_XX2lIT-1tQ)

As best I know, this was a one-off. I remember reading about it years ago, but my memory has gone the way of my original right knee. It left and isn't coming back.

When I bought Ragnarok from Larry Watson those years ago, we talked about .50 pistols. Hollywood approached Larry to make a .50 BMG pistol for a movie, but he said no.

At the time, he said if the ATF became "aware" of a certain number of handguns made in a specific caliber, the rules at the time meant AP ammo was then banned. Larry did not want to create something that could lead to .50 AP ammo being banned.

Of course, if you have any AP ammo for any firearm, I suggest you hang on to it.

### INTERVIEWS

Some of you have requests from me for interviews. It is fairly painless. I only bite on a full moon

and I have never been to the moon.

BCSA members want to read about our sport, the technical stuff and we want to know about fellow shooters.

### WRITING

You can write for the magazine. I'll help with grammar, punctuation and so forth if you need it. We need stories about how and where you shoot a .50 BMG. If you hunt with one, would very much like stories about that.

I can also interview you, if you are of a mind to talk for an article in the magazine.

If you are of a technical mindset, yes, we need tech stories talking about the science that goes into these firearms and the ammo they shoot. Product reviews are welcome too.

We have new videos up on YouTube @VeryHighPowerMagazine. If you shoot a .50, shoot some video. I can show you how to send it to me and I will load it to our YouTube channel.

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Meantime, pop some primers and burn some powder.



