



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



**Eisenhower Recreation Center: January 22
Doors Open 5:30
Meeting 6:30.**



January Member Appreciation Award: Ruger Max 9



January Topic: Sumter County Sheriff K-9 Unit. This is a not to be missed presentation from our local Sumter County Sheriffs Dept.

**Everglades Recreation Center:
February 6th Doors Open 5:30 Meeting 6:30.**



February 6th Member Appreciation Award: Springfield Hellcat OSP

February Topic: Self Defense 101 / Gun Transfers / Q&A by James Phillips, Esq - Gun Attorney.



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What Causes Accidental Discharges?

“Is there really an outbreak of accidental discharges? “



Glock striker fired handguns and many other striker fired brands do not have a conventional safeties, only “trigger” safeties. This can be dangerous if the user is not properly training on trigger finger discipline. We must always keep the trigger finger straight on the side of the frame until ready to fire. This will prevent the finger from pulling the trigger when removing the handgun from any holster.

[Accidental Discharges](#)



"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."
– General Douglas MacArthur

Review: Anderson Manufacturing Kiger-9C

Many of us are familiar with Anderson Manufacturing for AR lower forgings and AR parts. Now Anderson is going into the striker fired handgun market as a Glock 19 Gen 3 clone. The patent has expired on the Glock Gen 3 handguns, so other manufacturers are now building and marketing Glock Gen 3 designs.

Here is a decent high-quality option for our CCW handgun purchase:

[Anderson Kiger-9c](#)



The Synthetic Jacket Revolution



“Coated Bullets On The Rise.”

So, you would like purple bullets for your purple handgun, now it's possible.

[Synthetic Jacket Revolution](#)

The Springfield 2020 Rifle

“A Pleasant 22LR Surprise.”

Many of us like to shoot .22LR rifles and Springfield has a new offering in that category. This bolt action series is available in many versions from plastic stock to high quality Turkish walnut. All with a high-quality barrel, which is the heart of an accurate rifle.

And they take the Ruger 10/22 10-round rotary magazines for a slick look, no black magazine hanging out of the bottom of the gun, plus you can use the 25-round 10/22 magazine.



[Springfield Armory Model 2020 Rimfires](#)

Gaston Glock

The inventor of the Glock handgun passed away in December 2023 at the age of 94.



Here is the story of Gaston's history of developing the Glock 17 and subsequent products. Gaston led an interesting life.

[Curious Case of Gaston Glock](#)



The Best Home Defense Gun

“There is no "one size fits all" solution, but there are questions which need answers.”



This is a question that many of us get from Friends that are looking to defend their homes in this new crazy world. Rifle, Shotgun or Handgun?

[Best Choice for a Home Defense Gun](#)

Buying Your Second Gun

Or in my case the 20th gun.



It's a good question for new shooters just getting into the sport.

[Buying Your Second Gun](#)



Also, remember that the VSS website has a great classified section that can be used to sell a gun to make room for your next purchase. There are members looking for the 2nd or 20th gun.

“Arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion in private self-defense.” – John Adams



Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel



(These articles are the opinions of the writer only and in no way reflect official positions of the Villages Straight Shooters - or anyone with good sense

for that matter - SM)

“MY FAVORITE RIFLE”

You don't have to remind me. This is almost always a column about handguns. I thought I'd swerve out of my usual lane this month and talk about long guns. And let me tell you, picking a favorite is mighty tricky. Sure, I had that first .22 when I was a kid, spending hours and hours plinking and hunting on an acquaintance's farm outside Chicago. (Yeah, they had farms outside Chicago then.) Another choice could be the precision .22 rifle I bought just a few years ago. Trying to put 5 shots into a dime-sized hole at 50 yards at Shooters World has brought me much joy. But hopping into my personal time machine and travelling back to Ft. Campbell, Ky., brings me to what has to be my hands-down favorite! The armorers at Basic Training handed me a well-travelled M-14 and it was love at first sight!

This was 1967 and Viet Nam was boiling right along. They were trying to introduce the M-16 but, as many of you know, the early version was having all sorts of hiccups in the jungle mud and humidity and some of our boys were not properly able to defend themselves.



Meanwhile, back at Basic in Kentucky, that old gal they gave me had wood-to-metal tolerances that you could drive a half-track through. It rattled so loud that Carmen Miranda could have used it as a backup percussion instrument. But it shot well – and more importantly – every time. In spite of its worn façade

and the fact that countless recruits before me had manhandled the hell out of it, I was able to shoot Expert. Yes, I paid for the lack of any real ear protection, still suffering from Tinnitus to this day, but that old rifle never let me down and I'd pay serious money to have it stored in my safe today.

The M-14 became standard issue in 1957, replacing the venerable Garrand. There was controversy of course. Although more accurate, especially when on auto-fire, (some tricked- out future versions were to be used later as sniper rifles), it was two pounds heavier than the Garrand but, on the plus side, more reliable.

As some of you might remember, when you went prone on the run, they taught us to slam the butt of the rifle hard into the earth to absorb the blow when hitting the ground. If you could find a place where it's legal, try that with some modern long gun at a range and see if your scope or red dot maintains its zero. Then beg for help in getting back up.

When I see you at Shooters World or at a meeting, let me know which rifle was your favorite and it should start a dandy argument!

Editor Note: Springfield Armory is still building the M1A version of the M-14 in various models. Sorry Steve, semi-auto only, but still loads of fun.



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