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Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

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The War on Guns – Part II The Politics

The topic of the last sequence of meetings was a continuation of the War on Guns analysis. This time we just focused on the politics of the battle.

For those who may have missed the last meeting there was a brief recap of the war relative to crime and self-defense. In addition to the NRA a few allies in the battle were found, namely:

- Gun Owners of America (GOA)
- 2nd Amendment Foundation
- Jews for the Preservation of Firearm Ownership
- 2nd Amendment Sisters
- And, of course, Republicans in general

The tactics of the Pro Gun Control crowd were shown to be a major effort to affect public opinion in order to lay the groundwork for political action. The effort focuses on sensationalizing every gun incident in the press. Significant distortions and outright lies are rampant in the narrative.

Bloomberg, in particular, funds faulty private studies that use subsets of time and data to supposedly prove a point. The studies get a lot of press attention when published but scant mention when they are later shown to be fundamentally erroneous in their conclusions.

The Pro Gun Rights effort, on the other hand, tends to focus on work at the state levels with considerable success. Most all of the “Red” states have passed stand-your-ground, castle doctrine, concealed carry, and open carry laws. In addition, they support political candidates with A & A+ NRA ratings with considerable campaign funding.

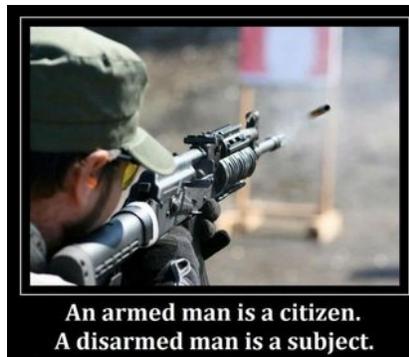
“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” - Constitution of the United States – Bill of Rights

It was shown historically how gun registration has consistently led to forced gun confiscation. “Once you know where they are, you can go get them!”

In numerous cases in history it was shown how dictators, tyrants, & despots at various times and places forcibly disarmed their civilian populations in order to solidify their total control. Soon after, many pursued their political enemies, dissenters, and other undesirables (can you say “deplorables & irredeemables”) to either imprison or eliminate them in some manner or another.

It is estimated that 56-70 million people were murdered by their governments in the 20th century after first being disarmed to render them defenseless.

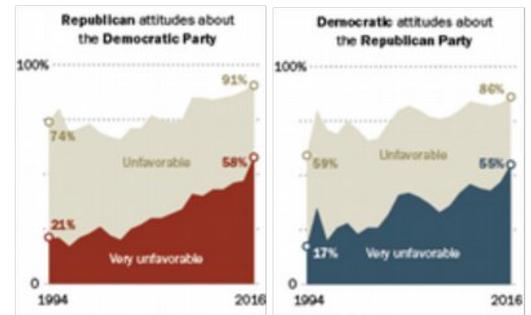
To net it out, gun control never was about guns, and even more so today, it’s about control and eliminating any potential threats by the population to governmental dominance.



“It’s better to have a gun and not need it than to need a gun and not have it.” - Christian Slater

Politically, the war on guns has increasingly become a left vs right, liberal vs conservative issue. The presentation showed the increasing polarization and partisan antipathy of the country politically over the past twenty years. This schism has deepened and widened dramatically over the past eight years.

Surveys of Trump vs HRC supporters show a huge divergence on gun control issues between the two groups. The gap is so wide that it is hard to see any room or middle ground for compromise.



The presentation briefly looked at the issues defining a tyranny such as using the power of the government to pursue and punish political enemies. For example, like having the IRS go after Tea Parties, or not following the rule of law by selectively prosecuting or NOT prosecuting based on politics, or ruling by edict, ignoring the Constitution, or unreasonable prolonging of “national emergency” declarations to sustain dictatorial powers, or hiring and firing military officers based on politics, or... Get the picture?



The conclusion: The drive toward gun control & forced confiscation by the left is part of the bigger picture. It’s one of the 8 requirements defined by Saul Alinsky on how to establish a socialist police state. It’s just a shame that that pesky Constitution and Bill of Rights keeps getting in the way!



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MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

By Stephen Mosel

I thought it would be a good idea to introduce our membership to those folks they see standing up before them in classrooms – standing beside them at the ranges – or handing out shooting-related advice at Club meetings. You know them as our hard-working Instructors and I couldn't think of a better person to start off with than our Chief Instructor, Jim Schiefer.



From being given his first gun at the age of ten – a J.C. Higgins 22 rifle, to buying a used M1 Garand for \$20 out of a barrel at a local gun store (don't you wish we could do that now?!), Jim's love of guns was sealed. At age 19 he joined the Air Force, where he served his country for over twenty years.

During that time he found his life's calling after being farmed out as a small arms trainer for two years. After he retired from the Air Force, Jim spent five years as an inspector and firearms instructor for the Immigration & Naturalization Service, enforcing Federal Immigration Laws.

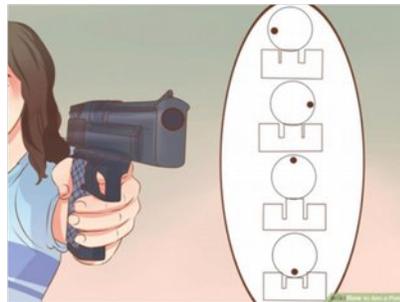
After a grueling 12 month course to be certified as a Firearms Instructor, Jim spent the next 15 years of his career at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center ("FLETC") in Brunswick, Georgia. Every agency except the FBI sent their future agents to be trained at the center, including the Secret Service, US Marshalls, ATF, Border Patrol, etc. – 85 agencies in all! As Jim mentions in his classes, it's amazing how many government agencies are arming their agents. During those 15 years, Jim was also certified as a Lead Instructor, specializing in sub-machine guns.



He finally retired at age 62 in 2012 and that same year, moved to The Villages as a full-time resident and – lucky for us – offered his services to our club. Jim's overriding concern is safety. After over 25 million rounds shot per year during his tenure at the "FLETC" training center, there were only two reported accidental injuries, both safety related.

With a credentials list as long as your arm, we are indeed lucky to have this extremely well qualified individual at the helm of our education department and I think I speak for all the Instructors when I say that it's been an honor to learn from him.

Seminar Subjects



The October seminar on Shooting Fundamentals II was again a complete sell out! The club's illustrious team of instructors covered:

- Zeroing your firearm
- Open sights, lasers, & red dots
- Clearing malfunctions
- Misfires/Hangfires
- Squib loads
- Aiming
- Sight alignment
- Sight picture
- Trigger control
- Breath control

Like the previous Fundamentals I session, it was a very busy hour. Again, we tried to offer a quick review of the basics but add some more advanced concepts and techniques in the time allowed.

The seminar in November, like the last 4 years is a Ladies Only program. This year our instructor team plans to briefly cover a range of topics hopefully to provoke a few thoughts and questions. Topics will include:

- Loading & unloading firearms
- Racking a semi-auto
- Selecting the right gun
- Concealed carry
- Non-lethal options
- Home defense

Major focus is to respond to the interests and questions of the ladies. Anything is fair game! (at least as it relates to guns!) So, ladies, come prepared with the questions you've always wondered about. Let's see if you can stump the instructors!

Reload Excursion



In case you haven't heard, the excursion to the Reload Range in Tarpon Springs is a huge success! All of the trips have been sold out very early, soon after being posted on the website.

Members that have gone on the excursion to Reload have come back tired but enthused and ready to go again.

On previous trips, we took a Lamers Bus that held 34 people. The attendees were divided into groups of roughly 9 people and then rotated through 4 cycles:

- 15 yd Range
- 25 yd Range
- Simulator
- Retail





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Reload Excursion Continued...

Individuals wishing to shoot long guns simply went to the rifle range when their rotation called for range time.

Due to the popularity of this excursion, Roger, our tour guide, has negotiated to upgrade our bus to the Reload Range to a 54 seat bus. Attendees will be divided into 6 groups of 9 and we've added two new "rotations."

First, Reload will set aside a whole range bay where members will shoot at Reload's newly acquired steel targets. Members will be provided with a gun loaded with 10 rounds of frangible ammo that disintegrates when it hits the target (assuming, of course, that you hit the targets!) A new experience and lots of fun especially if you've not shot steel before.



Secondly, Reload will set up a range where attendees will be able to shoot a fully automatic AR-15! Each member will be provided with a 20 round magazine. Since a fully auto rifle shoots about 800 rounds a minute, your measly little 20 round magazine will last less than 1.5 seconds! Not to mention the fact that the recoil will force the muzzle up with each shot, so you'll be spraying the ceiling in no time!!

Seriously, it will be best to put the rifle in "burst" mode where each pull of the trigger shoots 3 rounds. Still fun but you will not have to go anywhere to change your shorts!

Certainly not an excursion to be missed. Join the fun.

*"That rifle on the wall of the labourer's cottage or working class flat is the symbol of democracy. It is our job to see that it stays there."
George Orwell*

AR-15 Project



In the recent past, several members have expressed interest in building an AR-15. In response, Jim Schiefer, who has built 4 AR-15s of his own, and Terry Marksberry, who has built none of his own (!) have volunteered to conduct AR building sessions for a few small groups, 2-3 at a time.

The task is not so difficult if you get a complete lower receiver vs an 80% complete that requires machining. The lower receiver is the "serialized" part of the gun and must be purchased through an FFL. Like any other firearm, a lower receiver may be purchased Florida Resident to Florida Resident with no paperwork required.

Stripped lower receivers typically run from \$60 to \$250 online. Most are made from 7075 T6 aluminum. Since the lower receiver is the heart of the gun, it does not pay to go cheap. And, depending on how exotic you want to get with the other components, it's probably not necessary to go much over \$100 for the lower.

If you buy each component of the rifle separately, you're likely to pay more than if you just go buy one at a gun shop. However, the best option seems to be the purchase of an AR-15 kit that includes everything except the lower receiver. AR-15 kits go for anything from \$400 on the low end to thousands on the upper exotic end.



To get just a basic AR that's a good solid performer, you can find numerous kits in the \$400 to \$600 range. Adding in the lower receiver and you're looking at a complete gun in the \$500 to \$700 range.

The other expense in building your own AR are the tools needed to make the job easier.

Unless you plan to build multiple ARs or start a new hobby it's hard to justify the purchase of all the special punches, wrenches, etc. To make this project easier for those interested now, the Club is assembling two AR build tool kits for use. While the tool kits will be utilized for the current project, in the future members wishing to build an AR will be able to borrow an AR tool kit from the Club and return it when finished. The arbor press will also be available for seating the pins that are placed in awkward positions.



As a final note, you know if HRC gets elected, ARs, AR parts, lower receivers, AR kits, etc, will quickly disappear from stores and online. It might be worth getting the components now even if you don't plan to build it now. Keep your options open...

There are numerous online articles, books and DVDs about how to build an AR. Some examples below. There are also some excellent books on this subject in the lending library.



- [Building a Custom AR-15 at Home](#)
- [How to Build an AR-15: A Beginners Guide](#)
- [How to Build an AR-15 Rifle](#)
- [How to Build An AR-15 Video](#)



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Firearms Job Posting



Mann's Shooting Supply, LLC is seeking a Part-Time Firearm Sales person.

Must have the following skills to apply for the position:

- Extensive gun and ammo knowledge and be able to talk proficiently about scopes, holsters, ammo & gun accessories.
- Be able to handle money, credit cards, sales register software.
- Be able to proficiently explain the FDLE Background Check form to purchasing customers (Form #4473)
- Be able to follow all FDLE Guidelines (A Must!)

All qualified applicants can mail a resume to:

melissamn@embarqmail.com or stop by our store located at 617 South US Hwy 301, Sumterville, FL 33585 to complete an application.

Please no phone calls.



Winchester / NRA Achievements



Attained **Expert** for October: George Ruiter, Greg Maurer, James Dunn, Joan Nelson



Attained **Distinguished Expert** for October: James Dunn



Attained **Distinguished Expert for Defensive Pistol I** for October: Francis Renzoni, Randy Barkley and **Defensive Pistol II**: Mitchell Blau

A Hearty Congratulations to All!!

The Raffle Winners!

At the Eisenhower and Savanna Club Meetings on Monday Oct 28th and Tuesday, Nov 2nd the Club raffled off the new Ruger Mark IV pistols.



Kathleen Bordoni Walt Anderson
Congratulations to Kathy and Walt!

Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

- ReLoad Gun Range Shoot – Wed. Nov. 9th
- Shooters World – Wed. Nov. 30th
- National Naval Aviation Museum – Feb 8 & 9 overnight excursion.

Shooting Events

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, November 8th, 15th, 22nd and December 6th Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. Two sessions, 8-9am & 9-10am. Floyd Dunstan is the Shoot Manager. Cost \$8.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Fridays, November 11th, 18th and December 2nd and 9th Open Handgun shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg starts at 8-9am and 9-10am. Cost \$8.

First Annual Turkey Shoot



Prizes Awarded to shoot-off winners.

Moved from 4th Thursday (Thanksgiving) to **3rd Thursday, November 17th** at Ocala Sportsmans Assoc. Handgun and Rifle sessions are available, 1st session at 8:45am and the 2nd at 11am. Cost \$10.

Remember eye & ear protection. Adhere to the Club safety rules. If you need a Club safety card, ask an RSO or the Shoot Manager.

Club Membership and Reservations Required for all Shooting Events

Next Member Meetings

Seminar moved to 4th Wednesday, Nov 23rd at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center from 2-3 pm. **Ladies Only Open Forum.**

4th Monday Nov 28th Club Meeting at the Eisenhower Rec Center -
6:30pm – 8:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Friday Dec 16th Club Meeting at the Savanna Center – 1:30pm – 3:00 pm.
Doors open at 12:30 pm. **NOTE Time & Day Change.** Atlanta Rooms

Gun Raffle for each meeting will feature a Browning 1911 380 Semi-Auto pistol..

