



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



Eisenhower Rec Center – Monday, October 23rd- 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Member Appreciation Award: Mossberg MC2sc 9mm, optics ready, 10 round flush and 14 round extended magazine included.



October Topic: Snipers by Don Fraser

Johnny Joey Jones

Many of us have seen Joey Jones on Fox News. Joey is a Marine bomb disposal technician that lost both of his legs in Afghanistan. Joey has overcome his disabilities and is now a published author and strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment.

Here is a video interview by the NRA in his gun room: [Marine Johnny Joey Jones](#)

New to The Reticle Articles

You all must have noticed that we are using NRA written and published articles in The Reticle. There are also



other articles at the bottom of these NRA

links that are updated often and available to read after our publish date, so click on these links to get access to interesting NRA legislative, gun training and gun review articles.



Training with .22's – Not Just for Beginners

A large percentage of our members are shooting .22 handguns and rifles because of the low recoil and inexpensive ammo.



This round is a good round to hone our shooting skills.



This article is written from the women's perspective, but all of us can learn by shooting this little round.

[Training with .22s](#)



Shooting Revolvers



One of the September Membership Awards was a S&W Airweight 38 Special revolver, the first time in memory that the club gave away a revolver.



Some club members do shoot revolvers and it's a good time to review the use of a revolver in a semi-auto-based shooting world:

[Learning How to Shoot a Revolver](#)

"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*

Skills vs. Gear

Gun manufacturers are always coming out with the latest and fanciest guns to enhance their sales, but should we jump out and buy these new guns? Or stay with what we are familiar with and just practice. Of



course, the Straight Shooters is a club that encourages upgrading and maintaining our shooting skills just ask one of our experienced

instructors before you purchase a new gun.

Yes, upgrading to a gun with more rounds, smaller or lighter is important, but it's not very useful if you can't hit your intended target.

Here is an interesting article about this subject:

[Skill vs. Gear](#)

Low Profile Travel Guns

We all know that some states and the federal government are pushing to ban so called assault weapons and semi-auto guns in general.

With that in mind what is the best choice for traveling with a gun?

The most obvious choice is a lever action rifle or pump shotgun. These guns typically use a tube feed instead of a magazine which is fixed to the gun. Removable magazine rifle or shotguns should not be considered since that gets into issues in some states. Both style guns are relatively thin, easy to use and store in a vehicle.



Lever action rifles

come in many different calibers and .357 or .44 magnums would be a great choice. Both can use the "special" version of those calibers which are readily available, and the magnum versions are very powerful. Just be sure to know if specific ammo is banned in the state you are traveling to. Some states do not allow hollow point bullets.

There is a reason that cowboys and ranchers use lever action rifles, they are thin and easy to store in a truck, horse saddle or ATV scabbard.

Pump shot guns are available in various barrel lengths, but a full stock shotgun must have at least an 18" barrel. Any shoulder fired shotgun with less than a 18" barrel must be registered as a short barrel rifle via a \$200 tax stamp.

Another consideration with pump guns is the front stock "pump" tends to be a little thick raising the overall thickness of the gun. Lever action



rifles are very thin and are available in the "Mares Leg" configuration, which is a short *stock* and barrel making the gun short and thin and it is available in .38 Special/.357 Magnum, .44 Special/Magnum and the 45 Long Colt. This configuration is just like the gun that Steve McQueen carried in the TV show "Wanted Dead or Alive". The Mares Legs are considered handguns but are not semi-autos.

The new style short stock shotguns are defined as "Any Other Weapon" (AOW) and can be purchased



in 14" barrels which is easier to

store. We hear that these *shotguns* are a favorite of truckers. These smooth barrel *shotguns* are not considered rifles or shotguns by federal law and the ATF. Here is a National Firearms Act (NFA) article on these guns: [NRA Rules on Shotguns](#)

It is best to purchase this style of *shotgun* new and do not modify an older shotgun since that gun has a serial number as a stocked firearm and would be considered a sawed-off shotgun and requires a tax stamp.

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." – *Samuel Adams*

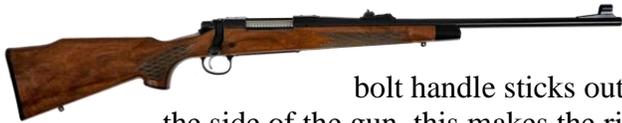
Personal Security Presentation

Another configuration is the Henry Axe lever action using .410 shotgun shells. It's like the Mares Leg but is a smooth bore AOW. This is in the same category as AOW weapons.



Bolt action rifles are another choice, but because the

bolt handle sticks out of the side of the gun, this makes the rifle more difficult to carry and store and more intimidating since these rifles sometimes tend to be a more powerful hunting caliber.



Using Bureaucracy to Limit 2A

Lately some state and federal governments are using red tape bureaucracy to limit our 2nd Amendment



rights. This includes the ATF removing FFL licenses after a minor paperwork issue on the first offence.

The ATF is also going after un-serialized

80% ghost guns. If you think about it were the muskets in the late 1790's serialized? Of course not, so why are they going after these guns now? Let's enforce the laws on the books first before this overreach. "It's already against the law to build more than one of these 80% ghost guns per person."

The link below is a NRA story on this practice: [Red Tape of Bureaucracy](#)



Steve Mosel and Floyd Dunstan gave a great presentation at the September VSS meetings and here is a link to that material: [Personal Security in Home](#)

There was an interesting point that came up in the question-and-answer part of the night. Floyd spoke of some of the legal issues if you use your firearm under the Florida Castle Doctrine and he suggested that we all use the same ammo that LE uses, Speer Gold Dot hollow points. That question could be raised in court, why are you using bullets that cause the most damage to a human? The suggested answer is "I use what LE uses." That should end that line of legal questioning.

And remember if you use a firearm to defend yourself or family, you are the victim. Act like a victim, do not act like a hero, that will get you in legal trouble later.

Another point made by Under Sheriff Pat Breeden at a previous VSS meeting on Constitutional Carry is do not shoot someone stealing your property, like a car, he would have to arrest you since you are not under the presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm (GBH) for that act. Of course, if the perpetrator is in your home as a threat and refuses to leave, that is a valid self-defense situation per the Castle Doctrine.

Also See Steve's column in this newsletter on "Make a Plan!"

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. A



well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country." – *James Madison*



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)

“Make a Plan!”

Over the last two months, at the general meetings, Floyd and I have presented subjects ranging from carrying a modern concealed firearm to the best strategies for protecting your home against burglary and home invasion. These subjects require extensive planning by the shooter if they're to be mastered. But, in talking to numerous members after the presentations, I was jarred by the number of folks that had no real plan whatsoever for improving even basic shooting skills or strengthening their home security. So, I referred back to a previous article, written in January of 2021 for inspiration. Keeping in mind that in order to carry a concealed firearm, even a basic class on handling firearms is no longer required in the state of Florida, I want to be sure our members – and especially the newer shooters – don't get themselves into trouble.

I'm always very happy that our members attend one of the general Wednesday (for everyone) or Friday shoots (for the ladies only) to become familiar with a particular firearm. But, as we stressed at the meeting, a plan for continuing their shooting education is essential. Various Club activities are a great way to start. The NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program – The Bullseye League – The Steel Shoots held at Emeralda, as well as the Defensive Pistol program are excellent opportunities for improvement and are all offered by the Club. Check online at VSSclub.org to get started and start signing up now. To give yourself a bigger challenge, consider going online to the Eustis Gun Club website and signing up for their I.D.P.A. competitions, held on the first Saturday of the

month. You do not need to be a member of their club; the fee is very reasonable, and you will learn a great deal. Just be prepared for a long day with some physical activity involved. Be sure to attend an orientation session first to understand what to bring and how it all works. I highly recommend this activity!

As far as making your house into a more difficult target for the bad guys, at least start with a basic assessment and then improvement of your property. Establish a safe room and create a plan for practicing all the tasks required of the people living in the house in case of a home invasion. Give thought to the weapons and lighting you choose to defend your property and also how to keep those firearms out of unauthorized hands. And, don't neglect becoming familiar with



Florida laws on this subject. (See the Club website for the info.) These steps we're suggesting do not require deep pockets for the most part. They could actually end up saving you big bucks if your home is targeted and could save your hide in a home invasion. It does not take a lot of effort so now's a great time to get cracking.

When we prepare for these talks, we gather together only information that has been proven to work. We always want to inspire you to action and fervently hope that you become better marksmen and – when it comes to gun handling – better thinkers. As to making your homes less desirable to the crooked set, that speaks for itself. Make a plan!



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