



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Editor's Note

This is an abbreviated newsletter due to the August recess by the Club. Nonetheless, there is always still some information to pass along.

Member Meeting Presentation



What? They're on vacation?

Yes indeed, a well earned August recess, so no member meetings. These will resume in September.



INSTRUCTORS CORNER

By Stephen Mosel

TEMPER - TEMPER



Everybody's got a temper! There's always something that will inevitably push the buttons and set off even the most mild-mannered of those among us. It's just a matter of degree and how you handle yourself that matters. Although it can admittedly be amusing to watch an "old-man" fight – canes swinging over some perceived insult or sideways ogle at the lady you brought to the party – realizing that a lot of these old timers (read: us) carry guns, all of a sudden makes this a much more serious issue. When I first came to The Villages, I took a part-time job as a gate attendant for a couple of years and received a quick schooling in the behavioral tendencies of curmudgeons. When I would ask them to come to a complete stop before proceeding through the gate, most everyone was very friendly and cooperative. But from time to time you'd get that one individual – male or female – who felt that because they'd managed to live a long life, they deserved to make up their own rules. "I'm old – get

out of my way!" While trying to keep the golf-cart drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians alive in their confrontations with these wrinkled terrorists and their automobiles, I noticed that the curmudgeons all had a sense of entitlement that emboldened their actions. Add a gun to the mix and you have a real potential for disaster. It's a fact that Florida has the worst record in the country for road-rage incidents involving firearms! Think about that the next time you feel like "teaching" someone a lesson about the rules of the road or feel the urge to make your point with a provocative gesture.

I spent a lot of my formative years in the New York/New Jersey area, where driving is a contact sport and building up a lather over the stupidity of other drivers is a hobby. Middle finger at the ready, anyone with a license seemed to have a litany of choice curses at the ready for any given encounter on the highway. That changed – a little – when I started riding a motorcycle. Oh, you still got pissed off, but you soon realized that any action on your part while straddling a machine that offered zero protection was an idiotic endeavor. Since I was a first responder in the form of an EMT, I also saw first-hand the gruesome results of poor anger management while balancing on two wheels. So, when I came to The Villages and found myself constantly cut off or otherwise insulted by some oblivious 75 year-old road demon, I decided to take the position of a motorcyclist: Forget about your pride and just back off from the situation with a healthy, "there goes another one" attitude. I soon realized I was a calmer, happier guy who has the potential of actually avoiding a traffic-related ulcer and living to see another sunrise. This new, "Step back and smell the roses" attitude also crept into my daily life when not driving and –it seems- I'm starting to enjoy my retirement the way it was intended to be.

***"An armed man is a citizen.
An unarmed man is a subject". Allen West***

Let's face it, if you have serious anger issues, you shouldn't be driving a car, let alone carrying a gun. You have an awesome responsibility as a gun owner and you'd best take it seriously. Avoid the conflicts that would normally have set your fuse burning as a younger person. Laugh things off if you're able. Anger is the easiest of emotions to bring up and probably the most dangerous. Your gun is in your waistband or purse only to save your life or the life of a loved one. Any other use is on you. Don't go looking for trouble just because you feel empowered by your firearm. Learn well how to use it.....and then – hopefully - don't.

MEET THE MEMBER

By Stephen Mosel

Dollars & Drums

It must be nice for Susan Agnew to have a husband like Dave around the house when tax time rolls around. Or any time there's a heavy financial decision to be made for that matter. That's because Board Member, Dave Agnew, has finance on the brain. Sure, early in life, as a Cub Scout, he was part of a group lucky enough to be taken under the wing of the high school rifle team coach and came to love the smell of gunpowder. And, a little later, he would get the opportunity to shoot skeet and trap as a Boy Scout. But it wasn't guns that got him going. It was always dollars. As an Economics and Finance major at Parson's College, he met his future wife, Sue, and went on to further study at Long Island University. (Dave and Sue married in 1967 and just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! Congrats!).



Dave went on to work for a public utility (on a team raising money for a nuclear power plant) and eventually got an offer from the Bank of Boston where he worked for eleven years as their "Wall Street presence." Although there were occasional trips to the skeet and trap range, guns still were not his real avocation. Having fooled around with percussion instruments from the time that he could walk, Dave was informed of an odd bunch of financial types who

had organized a group called "Off Wall Street Jam." Jamming with other musicians after hours led to Dave meeting two other money guys who were into Mo-Town in a big way. In fact their group grew into a 14 piece juggernaut that got jobs all over the New York area. Happily leading a double life, Dave also became a regular studio drummer and drum teacher and even dabbled in jingle writing. His artistic endeavors continue to this day. He plays with a group that has gigged at universities, street fairs and churches. Locally, you can find him drumming at the Fairview Christian Church.



Dave and family realized that New York was becoming disproportionately too expensive and that all the nice landscape was being overrun with buildings and people. So, as they neared retirement, the search



was on for a new home. He never really liked Florida, but the combination of close friends moving here, his son and family moving to the Sunshine State for work and his wife, Sue "conning" him to "just come down for a visit," was too much. He gave in and hit The Villages in 2005. He joined the Straight Shooters in 2013 and since there was no Board of Directors yet, became the one and only "Director". (The Board structure was adopted by the membership shortly thereafter.) Dave continues to contribute to the Club in a big way. Besides his work on the Board, he is the Manager of the Ocala Sportsman Association shoots, handles publicity for the Club and carries credentials as an Instructor and Range Safety Officer. Dave feels that if we can maintain safety and provide services for all of our members, our dynamic growth can

continue. So, if you have any questions about the stock market, how to handle a pistol, how our club works, or the best new cymbals to buy for your drum kit, I think the guy to seek out is a no-brainer! If you want to trick somebody into moving to The Villages, ask his wife, Sue.



Seminar Review, September 2017

Also on August recess

The Club will have it's semi-annual Gun Cleaning session on 20 September.



What Else Is Going On?

The current issue of American Rifleman (NRA magazine) has an article supporting what Jim Schiefer and other instructors have taught. The LPP (Ladies Pistol Project) assembled 35 women to review and test 18 handguns. Noteworthy:

- Most of the women believed a revolver was just right for them.
 - Fact: 34 picked a semi-auto pistol once they learned the push/pull slide technique
- Size doesn't matters; tailor a gun to hand size.
 - Fact: The results varied considerably. Some with small hands preferred a full size 1911 model. It's all about the grip and feel of the individual.

The major parameters were placement of controls, ease of use, comfort and feel, and overall impression. Guns evaluated:

Pistols 9mm	Pistols .380 ACP	Revolvers
Bersa Thunder 9 Bro XT	Browning 1911-380	Ruger LCR
Glock 43	Remington RM380	Ruger LCRx
HK VP9	SIG Sauer P238	S&W 442
Kimber Micro 9		S&W 67-5
SIG P320 compact		.38 Special
S&W M&P 9		
S&W M&P Shield		
Springfield EMP4		
STI 5.0 Marauder		
Walther CCP		
Wilson Combat 92		
Brigadier		

Overall, only the top 5 guns were listed:

1. SIG Sauer P238 (.380 ACP)
2. Walther CCP (9mm)
3. SIG Sauer P320 compact (9mm)
4. H&K VP9 (9mm)
5. Springfield EMP4 (9mm)

Next up: 50 women with 24 guns. Learn more at <https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2017/8/21/the-american-rifleman-ladies-pistol-project/>

BTW, surprise: *The September gun raffle is a Springfield EMP4 !!!* Ladies, time to buy a raffle ticket.

Oregon Governor signs bill to confiscate guns!

At first, it appeared to be a joke, but it is no joke. Gov. Kate Brown signed the "Extreme Risk Protection Order" which allows confiscation of guns WITHOUT first notifying the gun owner. Based on hearsay evidence, ANYONE can file a petition with the court for this order and a court hearing is held within one day. Basis for the petition can be drunken driving arrest, divorce commencement, allegations of drug use, or even the fear that someone has legally purchased a gun. A police officer can initiate a petition simply because he/she was angered by the ticket being challenged in court. The link below describes this in more detail.

<https://2anews.us/due-process/2017/08/17/oregon-governor-signs-gun-confiscation-law/>

AUGUST 2017 Raffle Winners



Since there were no member meetings in August, there were no Gun Raffles nor winners.



Ocala Sportsman's Association Handgun & Rifle (Outdoor Range)

First, a correction. Some early versions of last month's newsletter contained an error under the OSA winners. While the photo was correct, the wrong name was shown. The correct winner of Session II was James Veitch. We sincerely apologize for the error. Noted below, James is once again a winner.

Shooter(s) of the Month for August at the Ocala Sportsman Association were:

Session I

Robert Kilber



Session II

James Veitch



Congratulations to Robert and James!

Upcoming Club Activities

NOTE: Club Membership and Reservations are required for all Shooting Events

Shooting Events

Winchester Pistol Qualifications

The next event is Wednesday, Sept. 13th going to Shooters World in Tampa. Sign up on the website.



Open Handgun Shoots at the outdoor Emeraldal Range

1st Friday: Sept. 1th

8 am **Beginners Shoot**

9 am **Open Shoot**

1st Tuesday: Sept. 5th, 8 am and 9 am; **2 Open Shoots**

3rd Friday: Sept. 15th, 8 am and 9 am, **2 Open Shoots**

4th Tuesday: Sept. 26th, 8am and 9 am, **2 Open Shoots**

See the website for directions. Cost \$10 cash; PLEASE try to have the exact amount since making change can be difficult.

Ocala Sportsman's Association Handgun & Rifle (Outdoor Range)



Thursday Sept. 28th at Ocala

Sportsman's Assoc. Handgun and Rifle sessions are available. Shooter of the Month determined in a shoot off. The 1st session is at 8:45am and, 2nd at 11am. Cost \$10 per session.

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

Bullseye Shooting

Session 11-1 of the Bullseye Shooting League will start on August 28 and run for 7 weeks on Mondays. This session will consist of both Rimfire and Centerfire. The shooting will be conducted at the Emeraldal Range in Leesburg, 8-9 and 9-10, on Sept 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

***"There are no dangerous weapons. There are only dangerous men."* - Robert A. Heinlein**

Next Seminar Meeting

Next Seminar is Sept. 20th which will be a Semi-Annual **Gun**

Cleaning Festival.

If you need some help, bring your gun (NO ammo). Bring the gun manual if you could not reassemble your gun after the last cleaning. All cleaning materials will be provided.



We guess you could clean them this way, but it is **NOT recommended!!!**



Next Member Meetings

There are no member meetings during the annual August hiatus.

The next meetings will be:

Club Meeting, Savannah Rec Center:

Tuesday, September 12th, 6:45pm – 8:15 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Club Meeting, Eisenhower Rec Center:

Monday, September 25th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Gun Raffle for the September meetings:



Springfield Armory EMP4

- 9x19 mm
- 3, 10 Round magazines
- 4" barrel
- Fiber Optic front & low profile combat rear sights
- 7.5" length/5.5" Height
- 31 ounces

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