



The Reticle



Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

September, 2015

Kel-Tec & Kimber

The member meeting presentation for the August/September meetings concerned the firearm manufacturers Kel-Tec and Kimber.

Kel-Tec is a privately held company founded in 1991. Their facilities are located in Cocoa, Florida.

The company's mission is to develop and produce original, unique, high performance firearms. They certainly accomplish that with creative and unusual firearms such as their Sub-2000, SU-16, and the RFB long guns. In handguns their PMR-30 is a little .22 magnum powerhouse. Check out their website [HERE](#).



Kimber is a different story entirely. The company was founded in 1979 in Oregon and presently it's name is synonymous with high quality 1911 handguns.

They make literally dozens of different 1911 models and also smaller carry guns, the Micro, 380, and the Solo, 9mm. All of the models feature all metal frames and steel or stainless slides. Virtually all of their guns are single stack, 7-8 rounds, and with the exception of the Micro and Solo guns are .45 caliber.

Kimber's guns are expensive but are the tops in quality and reliability. You can visit their website [HERE](#).



Home Security - Part 1

Home Security is a topic near and dear to most of us. While The Villages is relatively safe, there are numerous home burglaries every month with an occasional home invasion.

Over the next several issues we will discuss home security and look at the actions and procedures you can implement that will, not eliminate, but surely diminish the chances that your home will become a target.



The best way to gain some insight into what things you can do to better secure your home is to understand the mindset of a potential burglar. First and foremost, of course, they do not want to be caught. Implicit in not getting caught is they do not want to be seen, they must be stealthy, and quick.

Also, unlike the past, they are probably not after your 65" flat screen, a bit awkward! Primary interest will be small items of high value such as jewelry, cash, guns, laptops, etc.



First, if someone is determined to get into your home, they will.

Your job is to make the penetration of your home perimeter time consuming & noisy which would increase the likelihood of a neighbor noticing the burglar more probable. A few, even fake, cameras will be a good deterrent to make them think that everyone will see their faces again, on the court TV!!

In upcoming issues we'll focus on a range of actions you can take, at reasonable cost,

to improve the security and your piece-of-mind regarding burglaries and home invasion.

- Part 2 - Doors & Door Frames
- Part 3 - Windows
- Part 4 - Safe Rooms
- Part 5 - Security systems & Electronics
- Part 6 - Safe Practices
- Part 7 - Away from Home

The Seminars

The last seminar, on August 19th, was one of our Gun Cleaning Festivals. The club provided a range of free cleaning supplies and had our instructors prowling the room to help wherever needed. We had a couple of Ruger experts available to help reassemble those pesky Mark IIIs and 22/45s. The room was almost full with a good turnout. The September Seminar will be on the "Top 10 Greatest Firearms in History"

Shooter of the Month

At the 4th Thursday shoot at OSA, Peter Prentice edged out the competition to win Shooter of the Month honors. Way to go!!



"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

- Benjamin Franklin, 1759



Winchester Achievements

Pistol Qualification, August, 2015

Expert

- Larry Cadwell
- Mike Flasch



Distinguished Expert

- Armand Codoner
- Frank Lacoine
- Lucille Ameduri



Safety Corner

When shooting at an outdoor range, the shoot manager or RSOs will call a cold range from time to time. When that occurs you must open the action on your gun and place the gun with the action up so the RSOs can affirm that your gun is unloaded.

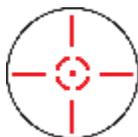
It is even better if you place an "Empty Chamber Flag" in your firearm to make it more obvious that your gun is unloaded. Such a flag is shown to the right.

The club has purchased Chamber Flags with our logo imprinted. The Shoot Managers and RSOs have been provided with supplies that are free if you participate in shooting events.

Please get used to utilizing these handy little gizmos - it will save your RSOs time to "clear the line".

Even when you are alone at an indoor range using these flags are a good habit to establish.

Think Safety at all times!



Holsters, etc.

If you do not carry, even occasionally, or participate in IDPA types of shooting events, you probably don't need a holster. Good, you can save your money to buy another gun!!

You'll find that people that have one holster usually have several. It's not because they make lousy purchasing decisions, it's just that buying the right holster is not as simple as it seems.

There are literally over 50 different kinds of holsters to fit different situations, different wardrobes, and of course, different guns.

To help narrow the selection, there are four major factors involved in your decision:

- Concealment
- Access
- Retention
- Comfort



The purpose of a holster is to keep the gun in a fixed position so when you reach for your gun it is always in the exact same position as the last time. That "muscle memory" draw is critical if you are to bring your gun to bear on the target in the critical 1.5 seconds, a la Tueller Drill.

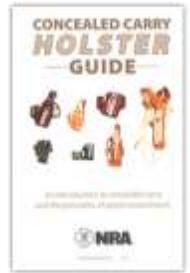
There is a trade off between concealment and access. The better concealed the gun is, the harder it is to access. Conversely, if the gun is very accessible it may be barely concealed.

Regarding retention, the gun must be secure during your normal course of physical activity. It is even more important that a potential assailant cannot easily pull the gun out of your holster.

There are Type I, II, & III retention features. Search online for more information about this important aspect.

Finally, a holster needs to be comfortable or you will not use it over time.

Read the NRA Holster booklet to learn more.



Upcoming Club Activities

1st Friday, Sept 7th – 9:00 to 10:00 am at The Gun Range on US 44. Targets provided. Please show up 15 min. early for range safety briefing. Floyd Dunstan is the Shoot Manager. \$10

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Sept 1st & 15th – 9-10 & 10-11 am at Gun Range 44. Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots.

4th Thursday, Sept 24th – Canceled due to a scheduling conflict at OSA. Will resume in October.

Reservations Required



Next Member Meetings

1st Friday, Sept 4th – 7:30 to 9 pm at Mulberry Grove. Main topic: Kel-Tec & Kimber

4th Monday, Sept 28th – 6:30 to 8 pm at Eisenhower. Main Topic: Carry Laws & Reciprocity - Coast to Coast plus club News, Announcements, Awards, 50/50, and Gun Raffles!

Raffle gun for 9/4 will be a Kel-Tec PF-9, 9mm Carry pistol. Raffle Gun for 9/28 will be a new Glock 43, 9mm Carry pistol. You must be a member to win the gun.

All Villagers Welcome

