



# The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



## Next Member Meetings



Eisenhower  
Recreation Center:  
Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Doors Open 5:30  
Meeting at 6:30.

Member Appreciation Award:  
KelTec P17 .22 handgun



Meeting Topic: TBA  
PRESENTED BY: TBA



## STRAIGHT SHOOTERS SWAP MEET

The Straight Shooters gun club held a *Swap Meet* at the Eisenhower Recreation Center on March 21, 2025. It was well attended by club members. AR uppers, scopes and ammo were the most popular of items for sale.



## NRA Gun Gurus

Here is another NRA service for us, a Gun Gurus TV show on the NRA Explore webpage. Here is a link to the website where you can view many interesting shows on various topics. Be forewarned, you could be on this site for a while:

[NRA Gun Gurus](#)



## The NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program



If you have attended a VSS club meeting, Floyd, our Shooting Events Coordinator talks about this program, which is offered by the club. Many of us have qualified, it's relatively easy with increasingly difficult steps to qualify. And you get patches and pins as you progress in the program.

[The NRA Marksmanship Program](#)



## Everyday Carry Essentials



Most of us have CCW (Concealed Carry Weapon) permits which allows us to carry a concealed weapon. In Florida a CCW permit truly is a

weapons permit allowing us to carry various weapons besides a firearm including knives, clubs and brass knuckles. This article reviews the equipment necessary to carry a firearm and its associated magazine holsters.

[Everyday Carry Essentials](#)



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## Elmer Keith on “Sixguns”

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Elmer was a rancher and great writer who wrote many interesting books on firearms. He also was instrumental

in the development of the magnum handguns cartridges like the .357, .41 and .44 and is considered the father of large bore handguns.

[Elmer Keith On Sixguns](#)



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## Double Duty Handgun

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In this case double duty means a double action (DA) trigger, which is available on many revolvers and some semi-auto pistols like a Beretta 92. On these semi-

auto pistols the first shot out of the holster is DA and subsequent shots are single action (SA).

[A Double Duty Handgun](#)



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## First CC Handgun

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This could be one of the most important purchases of your life and it should be done with thought and research.



[8 Tips For Choosing Your First Concealed Carry Handgun](#)

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## The Longevity of Cartridges

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Have you ever wondered why some cartridges stand the test of time and others get pushed to the back of the ammo shelf? Why the .45-70 Government, the .30-06 or the 30-30 still popular? This article helps to explain the

history of rifle cartridges: [The Longevity of Cartridges](#)

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## 14 Acres of Guns & Gear

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We are fortunate to be close enough to attend the annual NRA meeting this year in Atlanta on April 25 to 27. Plus, it's free to NRA members and their families!

[14 Acres of Guns Gear](#)  
<https://www.nraam.org>



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## Off Body Carry

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What does this mean? How to carry a weapon that isn't on your waist. It's hot in Florida and difficult to conceal a weapon on your body. This article gives us another option that is quick to retrieve and easy to carry.

[Off Body Carry](#)



**“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**



## 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)

### “THE RED DOT RHUMBA”



Howdy! I just finished a talk at our general meeting at Eisenhower Rec. Center concerning buying a modern firearm. Afterwards, most of the follow up questions concerned red dot optics and

reticle size, so I thought that I'd clarify a few things in this month's article.

Red dot reticles are measured in M.O.A. or “minute of angle”. A one-MOA reticle is equal to one inch of your target being covered up at 100 yards. A six-MOA reticle will cover six inches and so on. Many of the reticles offered by optic companies come in two or three MOA sizes. My opinion is that these are fine for target shooting, especially when you're shooting at some distance – meaning fifteen yards or more with a handgun and fifty yards or more with a rifle. Anything larger might cover up your target – not a good thing!

However, when it comes to defensive handguns, it is my opinion that since most gunfights will occur withing seven yards or so (the FBI often says three), I want a much bigger reticle so that I can find that sneaky little dot as fast as possible, especially under the great stress of a life-or-death situation. There's no chance a larger reticle will cover up your target at those distances.

How big is good? Here's where it gets interesting. I'd love something about thirty MOA – yes, thirty! But I'll admit that it may be too much to ask. The heroes in the optic design departments have saved

the day. They put a two-MOA dot inside a thirty-MOA circle so basically, you have the best of both worlds in one reticle! As you can see in the accompanying photo, you can look right through the outer circle and view as much of the target as you wish and still use the inner dot for the precision part, if you have the time.



I was just down at Shooters World zeroing in a brand-new red dot with that very set up for my carry gun and I love it. Finally, the perfect...wait...what's that? A new what? Oh, you'll excuse me folks, Floyd just told me he purchased a new optic system from Hi-Viz called the Fastdot H3. Apparently, you line up the front and rear sights and when you get good sight alignment, the color changes from red (stop) to green (go) and you just pull the trigger. And it might be faster than a red dot! Damn. I'll get back to you all. I may have to speak to my wonderful, understanding wife about buying the next new thing. More to come after we check it out.

See you at the range!



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