



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



No meetings in August.

Everglades Recreation Center: 1st Tuesday of the month
Doors Open 5:30 Meeting 6:30.

Eisenhower Recreation Center: 3rd Monday of the month
Doors Open 5:30 Meeting 6:30.

September Member Appreciation Award: TBD

September Meeting Topic: TBD

Irving Locker WWII Veteran



Irving Locker just might be the most interesting man alive. This November Irving will be 100 years old, and he's just about seen it all! He survived five major battles in WWII including D-Day and The Battle of the Bulge. At 18, he became one of the youngest Staff Sergeants in all the Army. At 5'1", he might be short in stature, but boy, does he have a huge heart!!

Irving brought with him a collection of memorabilia to the meeting that he collected in Europe and answered questions after the showing of his professionally produced video: [Irving Locker Video](#)



There were two outstanding items on display, the first was a Germany Luger that Irving collected from a Nazi pilot that his unit shot down. He used that

Luger to convince captured Nazi's to talk. The second was a Nazi Flag that soldiers in his unit signed in Germany.

The video will provide more details on the significance of both these artifacts.



Dianne Olsen

Former VSS seven-year Club Secretary, 50/50 raffle volunteer and now The Reticle proofreader, Dianne Olsen is running for Republican State Committeewoman in Sumter County.



Dianne is a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and will continue with that support as our Sumter State Committeewoman. The election early voting is August 10th to the 17th and Election Day is Tuesday August 20th.

Here is a link to Dianne's official bio: [Dianne Olsen Bio](#)

Dianne also spoke of the "Protect Your Vote" initiative started by her club, the Republican Federated Women of The Villages. She handed out a flyer with a QR code that links to a national website so you can check to see if you are still registered to vote in the previous state you lived. If you are, get it removed and help stop voter fraud.

Here is a link to the "Protect Your Vote" website: [Protect Your Vote](#)

Gun Control Researcher

This is a story about William English, an assistant



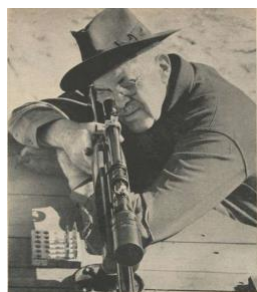
professor at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. English wrote an editorial titled "Antigun

Activists Ambushed Me", defending a study he did on the use of firearms in defense.

[Gun Control Machine Hatred](#)



Accurate Rifles



An older article from 1957 on accurate rifles of that time. Today we have newer and improved calibers and rifles and of course improved optics. Red Dots did not exist in 1957, so there were iron sights and basic optical scopes.

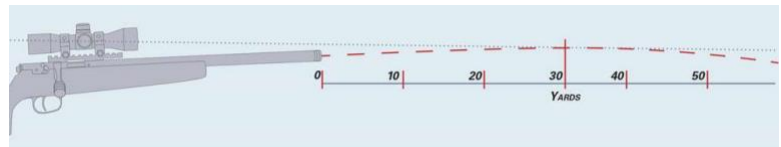
[Only Accurate Rifles are Interesting](#)



"Arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion in private self-defense." – John Adams

A 30-Yard Zero for Precisions .22's

Many of us like the .22 rifles with scopes and must understand the bullet rise and drop so we can shoot



the rifle accurately. Here is an article that will help everyone to understand the ballistics of a .22LR bullet. This will also help with other calibers, but of course the numbers will vary.

[30 Yard Zero for Precision 22's](#)



Single Action for Home Defense



We are not talking about the 1911 single action; we are talking about "Cowboy Guns". These guns have been especially

popular since Ruger developed the Blackhawk series of single action Army in the 1950's, which lined up with the popularity of the western movies and TV-series. Lately we have seen another new series of .22LR single action guns from Heritage and Ruger.

Can these guns be used for Home Defense?

[Single Actions for Home Defense](#)



Heritage Mfg. Roscoe Revolver



Speaking of Heritage Manufacturing, they developed a double action revolver in .38 special with +P capability. The Roscoe is a 5-shot copy of the S&W

Chiefs Special J-Frame snub nose. [Roscoe Revolver](#)

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



Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel

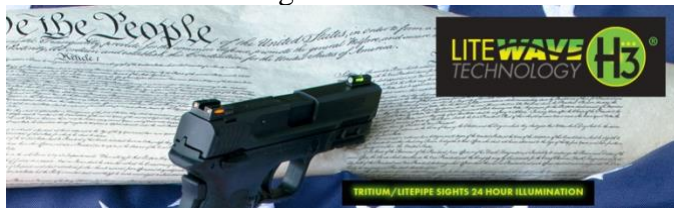


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for that matter - SM)

“SOMETHING TRULY NEW”

For the sake of my own preservation, I usually stay away from recommending a given product. You know...in case the thing goes flooey later and I get the blame. But this article isn't a recommendation. Think of it more as an alert to a new and interesting product. Right up front, I want to thank Brad Fitzpatrick of Guns & Ammo's Handguns Magazine for his article on this gizmo.



The whatchamacallit in question is HiViz's new FastDot H3 (HiVizSights.com). Technically, it's neither a red dot nor an iron sight. It doesn't use a battery, but glows when you use it correctly. It takes up less space than a red dot and doesn't require the correct screws or adapter plates to install. At \$175 dollars MSRP, it seems a good buy. You do have to line up the sights, but the glowing green dot apparently makes this very fast and easy. Right now, my carry gun is sporting a "Ready Dot", which looks like a red dot but without the electronics usually necessary, so no battery. Obviously, this proves that I am drawn to the latest doohickey to come along and maybe, if you had any sense at all, you should start ignoring his scribbling right about now!

Still with me? OK, here we go. The FastDot is all metal construction, low profile and, with no sharp edges, won't impede your draw. The simplicity of the aiming system makes it a contender in the aging-eyes department, so it might be attractive to the

members of The Villages Straight Shooters. According to Mr. Fitzpatrick, the only time he had trouble using the FastDot was when he tried it with a pistol light attached. So, it might not be optimal on your home defense gun at night, etc. Other than that, it shows a lot of promise.

If this intrigues anyone enough to purchase one, let me know how you make out – unless you end up thinking it's garbage. In that case, please send all hate-mail directly to Floyd Dunstan. Right now, it's only available for Glock, Smith & Wesson M&P and Sig P320 and P365 pistols, but there should be more added if this takes off. If it proves to work as advertised and becomes a wave of the future, I will then ask permission from my wife – I mean – I will make the decision to buy one! On my own. Man of the house!

See you at the range.



“Our nation was built and civilized by men and women who used guns in self-defense and in pursuit of peace. One wonders indeed, if the rising crime rate, isn't due as much as anything to the criminal's instinctive knowledge that the average victim no longer has means of self-protection.” - Ronald Reagan

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