



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



Everglades
Recreation Center:
Tuesday January 7th,
Doors Open 5:30
Meeting 6:30.

Member Appreciation Award:
KelTec P17 (.22LR)



Eisenhower Recreation Center:
Monday January 27th, Doors Open 5:30 Meeting
6:30.

Member Appreciation Award:
KelTec P15 (9mm)



Meeting Topic: *FIREARMS IN THE USA* By Phil
Caminez

Tale of the U.S. M1 Carbine



The M1 Carbine was the most produced rifle in WW2 used by officers and support troops. It's light to carry with low recoil and just fine at short ranges. This article has a great video history of this historic .30 caliber military carbine:

[Tale of the U.S. M1 Carbine](#)

"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*

All In the Grip

To me grip texture is very important to control the recoils in any handgun, especially the micro 9mm versions. This article goes into handgun grip angle and texture in detail: [Grip](#)



[Angles Contours Texturing in Modern Handguns](#)

Defensive Shotgun Setup



Many of us have an 18" to 20" full stock pump shotgun for home defense. Great choice. Here is a short video on how to set up your shotgun for this role. Also check out the links to the 7 other articles within this article about shotguns and ammo:

[Defensive Shotgun Setup](#)

Hotel Room Safety

This is not really gun related but could be if the situation turns bad at a hotel that you are staying at and are carrying a firearm while on the road. Many of us travel to visit family since most of us have family out of state or travel on vacation, so this article is very important to all VSS members and their families while in hotels:



[Hotel Room Safety](#)

B&T Station SIX-9 Pistol



This is a timely article about an unusual bolt action pistol that was reportedly used in the killing of the UnitedHealth

CEO in NYC but now is reported that a 3-D printed gun was used. The SIX-9 is used to shoot animals without disrupting the herd. It was originally developed during WW2 for the Allied American and British clandestine operatives. This pistol is suppressed and uses an expendable baffle/wiper design that is very quiet with new wipers since they seal extremely well: [B&T Station SIX-9 Pistol](#)

4 Reasons Big-Bore Revolvers are Still Ideal Trail Guns

Below is a very interesting prospective on what to carry on the trail. Semi-Auto guns are great for the street, but normal carry guns are not big enough for protecting against large animals in the woods. The .357 Magnum is the minimum needed with a high velocity and a heavier bullet than small carry handguns.



[Big Bore Revolvers](#)

Henry Golden Boy .22 LR Revolver



Henry now has a .22LR Kit Gun. It's logical that Henry would release a smaller version of its Big Boy revolvers with a 10-round capacity.

Available in two different grips, conventional and birds head. [Henry Golden Boy .22LR Revolver](#)

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons." - General Douglas MacArthur

Low Round Count Pistol Drill



We all need to practice, but that can get expensive, especially using low production ammo. So here is a collection of drills that we can use that do not need a range bag full of ammo.

[Low Round Count Pistol Drills](#)

KelTec SUB 2000 Gen 3



This is a new version of the SUB2000 9 mm carbine with many improvements. It has a new folding system that twists to allow the mounting of optics without special mounts like previous versions needed. It takes 15-round+ Glock magazines and has an improved trigger. KelTec also just introduced 5.7 x 28mm version that uses FN magazines.

[Keltec SUB2000 Gen3](#)





Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel



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“BE A GOOD TEACHER”

Well, here we go again. Another holiday season has crept up on us and I, personally, am as agitated as hell about it. The reason is that this time around I've got family coming. What's so horrible about that? you ask. I just told you. FAMILY is coming and, as of this writing, it's for Thanksgiving! How many Thanksgivings have you endured with family visiting where something hasn't gone terribly wrong? And, you have a right to ask, what does all this have to do with shooting? Well, included in the gathering will be my thirteen-year-old grandson. I love him very much. He's a good kid. So, what's the problem? My daughter, his mother, has expressed a desire to maybe go to the range and take advantage of my being an instructor. No problem there. I'm completely comfortable teaching kids how to shoot. It's not him, or the shooting part that scares me. The "Family" thing that I'm not looking forward to is Uncle Al getting hammered and spouting nonsensical statistics about guns and how they're destroying the country. How dare I introduce such violent notions to an innocent kid?! I'm going to have to ask my wife, Marilyn to threaten me with a turkey carving knife if I become so dumb as to try and correct his misgivings. It will just end in a big bruhaha, and I'll end up not speaking to Al for another year. Wait a minute...that might be a good thing after all. OK. Let's get back to the shooting lesson. I can handle that.

You, dear readers, might also find yourself in the position of teaching a family member how to shoot. Although I always advise having them take their first lesson with an experienced instructor, it's

inevitable that this scenario will play out sooner or later, so it's best to be prepared. Don't worry, I'm not going to get into tedious descriptions of how to teach stance and grip and sight pictures, etc. Instead, I'm going to mention the overlooked, but vital items often ignored during a "first experience" with firearms. First of all, don't head to the range without an orientation session at home. Get them comfortable with as many types of guns as you have in your "arsenal" (as the media likes to call it). Once they're at the range and nervous and have earphones impeding their hearing, it's too late to get comfy. While at home, have them learn how to safely handle whatever it is that they're going to be shooting as well as learn the proper nomenclature and range etiquette that they'll be experiencing shortly.

Don't overwhelm them with a laundry list of horrible scenarios. Rather, emphasize why the rules of the range must be adhered to strictly and that this isn't going to be a reenactment of a movie cowboy shootout once they're handed a loaded firearm. They do need to know what they should not do as well as what they should.



Let's be realistic, they'll probably be chomping at the bit to get to trigger pressing. But like when painting a room in your house, the more prep work you can do before the actual event starts, the better the outcome.

Now, if I can only figure out a way to un-invite Al! See you at the range and try and have a calm holiday.

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