



# The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



## Next Member Meeting



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

Member Appreciation Award:  
KelTec P17 (.22LR)



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

Member Appreciation Award:  
KelTec P15 (9mm)



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

## Gun Purchases and Permits in 2024



Our Country is concerned about public safety due to the increase in violent crimes and terrorism, so gun sales and CCW permits

were on the rise in 2024. We all need to encourage new gun owners to get the proper training and practice – practice – practice. The VSS shooting events offer a safe way to increase your range time and become more proficient. [Concealed Carry Permit](#)  
[Gun Sale Numbers Stay Strong In 2024](#)

**"Remember the first rule of gunfighting ... have a gun.", Lt. Col. Jeff Cooper**

## Top 5 Hunting Guns of 2024

The big news of 2024 was the introduction of the new Winchester 21 Sharp rimfire cartridge and the associated rifle to fire this new round. This article has a great video describing the design for this cartridge and other new hunting rifles for 2024.

### [Top 5 Guns of 2024](#)



## New Guns for 2025



The National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesale expo is a showcase for new guns for 2025. One of the new offerings is a little lever action 5.56mm/300 Blackout pistol that takes AR magazines. Many other new guns to preview in this article: [New Guns For 2025](#)

## Ruger RXM Pistol

Ruger is going in a different direction on this new pistol, it's in collaboration with Magpul for the grip frame and uses Glock style double stack magazines. It's Glock Gen3 compatible, but with a serialized trigger control group that can be switched to another grip frame. Of course, Glock holsters will work and it's optics ready.



### [New For 2025 Ruger RXM](#)

Video: [First Shot: Ruger RXM Pistol](#)



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## Magnum Research 'Thunder Snub' in .45-70 Gov't

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And we thought that the 500 magnum was big! This is smaller, but an 1870's rifle caliber in a snub nose revolver? It must be a flame thrower with that short barrel. The original 45-70 rifle has a 26" barrel. [Magnum Research Thunder 45-70 Gov](#)



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## Is the AR-15 for You?

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Many of us are familiar with the M-16 and AR-15 platforms. We carried them in the military or as Law Enforcement officers but is this rifle for



everyone? It's modular, so you can switch the upper for different calibers, but is it reliable with these different calibers? The buffer/buffer springs are tuned to specific caliber and gas tube lengths, so you need to know that combination for the switch. There are other options for your semi-auto rifle.

Also check out the many links in this article for reading pleasure.



[Is The AR-15 The Semi-Auto Rifle You Want?](#)

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## Sig-Sauer P365 Grip Modules

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Ruger is moving toward serialized trigger control group, but Sig-Sauer has been using them for years. One of the most popular handguns is the Sig P365 which has the trigger control group that can be moved to other grips. Here is a rundown of the available P365 grips. [Sig-Sauer P365 Grip Modules](#)



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## 3 Warning Signs of Public-Range Gun-Safety "Issues"

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Most of us use public ranges in The Villages, but are they safe? Most likely they are if you are at a VSS sponsored shooting event with our great RSO's. Here is an article on range safety for all

of us to be aware of outside of a VSS shooting event.

[Public Range Gun Safety Issues](#)

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## 10 New Guns in 2025

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Since gun sales are increasing manufacturers are designing and manufacturing new models to



meet the need. Here are 10 new models to the market: [10 New Guns To Watch For In 2025](#)

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## Tame Your Gun Wobble

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I have noticed that as I age, my handgun grip and trigger control is not as good as when I was younger. Grip tape and an improved trigger only go so far. So this article tells us how to: "Dude, you need to shrink your cone!"



[Tame Your Wobble](#)





## Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel

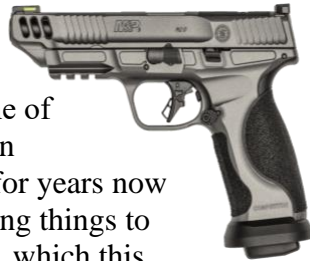


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for that matter - SM)

### “COMPENSATING”

OK, so this is a total rip-off of another writer. But at least I'm stealing from one of the best. James Tarr has been writing for Guns & Ammo for years now and has always had interesting things to say, often laced with humor, which this writer particularly appreciates. In one of his latest articles, he touched on something that is not usually discussed: the reason compensators on guns have become so popular lately. Because I think it's really important to understand that concept, I'm repeating his thinking here and adding a few points of my own.



As most of you are aware, red dots can improve your marksmanship. Quite a bit, if you do your due diligence and practice – practice – practice. But, where they can let you down is when you want to – or need to - get off a rapid second shot, as in a defensive kerfuffle. Finding that pesky dot on the second or third shot can be challenging as the recoil of your nine-millimeter throws the muzzle and the red dot away from your line of sight, forcing you to re-acquire it at the most stress-filled moment you can imagine. Since red dots are so popular and prevalent, even on defensive carry-guns now, this had to be addressed. Thus, the compensator.

A compensator at the end of your muzzle will push the expanding gasses up or slightly sideways, helping to keep the firearm (and therefore your red dot) flatter and, hopefully, on target, to the tune of a 25% (or so) improvement. That's quite a bit and could make all the difference. Yes, they're louder and make the gun about an inch longer at the

muzzle, but the plusses seem to outweigh the inevitable compromises that you find in shooting.

Just about every major manufacturer now offers a carry gun with a red dot and the compensators are coming on strong. What the hell, you've already spent too much treating your firearm to a red dot. Might as well throw on a comp to really make your spouse angry!

Thanks again to James Tarr and the folks at Guns & Ammo for the idea. In the meantime, make a new year's resolution to get to the range more often this year. And, if you haven't already done so, be sure to attend a general meeting to access great info and to help support the club. See you at the range.

### New Year Resolutions

Of course, the VSS firearms instructors are volunteers and do a great job in helping shooters learn and improve their shooting knowledge and experience. This article will help anyone that is gun training and has links to other articles on this subject.



#### [4 New Year's Resolutions For Firearm Instructors](#)



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