



# The Reticle

## Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



### Next Member Meeting

**NO MEMBER MEETINGS IN JULY**

**The Reticle will not be published in August, back in September.**



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### **Florida Gun Law and Education**

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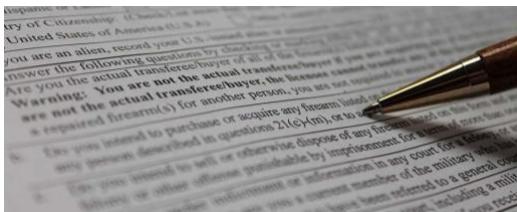
At the club's June meetings James D. Phillips, a Florida lawyer gave a presentation on Florida gun laws. He has defended self-defense cases and is knowledgeable in the laws and rights of law-abiding gun owners. Owning and using a firearm is serious and we all need to know what we can and can't do in defending our lives.

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### **December 2022 ATF Form 4473**

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All of us buying a firearm from a gun dealer or transferring via an FFL must fill out the ATF form 4473 followed by



a background check. In December 2022 the ATF revised that form to include a couple of additional questions related to "Straw Purchases" or guns purchased for another person, which went into use in April 2023.

The questions are very complicated and obviously written by lawyers, so be aware of this during your next purchase.

Of course, this is typical of your overreaching unelected bureaucratic government. Instead of prosecuting the people illegally purchasing firearms, the ATF is making it more difficult for us to legally purchasing firearms. Click on the link to view the new 4473 form before you purchase a new gun so you will not be surprised when you buy your next gun from a dealer. This link will provide a "common-English explanation" of the new questions: [New ATF Form 4473 Questions](#)

The Reticle published a story in 2021 on Chicago police officer Ella French who was killed, and her partner shot during a traffic stop; both shot in the head with a Glock 44 because they were wearing bullet proof vests. This was an evil and unnecessary act of violence. The guy that purchased and gave the gun to the assailants was a straw purchaser in a different state and was only sentenced to 2-1/2 years instead of the 5-year maximum sentence for this ATF violation as requested by the Prosecutors at the trial. Here is the link to the news story of the trial: [Officer Ella French Trial](#)

Yes, the purchaser made a mistake, but should be sentenced properly for his convicted crime. Current laws need to be enforced to the full extent of the law, especially in the shooting of a law enforcement officer. And of course, the old ATF form 4473 still got this felony conviction.

People will make mistakes that cost lives, but the government needs to encourage its citizens to know

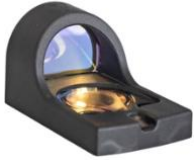
and follow the law and enforce these laws in a firm and fair way.

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## Ruger New ReadyDot

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Members that attended the June meetings got to see the Ruger Max 9 Member Appreciation Award with the new Ruger ReadyDot reflex sight. It's a new style of red dot that uses fiber optics and ambient light to put the red dot on the optics screen instead of using a battery powered LED. The dot is very large, 15 MOA, but easy to acquire for defensive shooting.



Check it out: [Ruger ReadyDot](#)

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## Remington Rimfire Ammunition

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Very interesting story and video on how Remington makes its rimfire ammo in their Lonoke, Ark. factory complex.

One reason that rimfire ammo is so inexpensive is the speed of the manufacturing process that make the ammo. And this process is old technology!

[Remington Rimfire Ammunition](#)



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## Rock River Arms Rifles

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Rock River Arms is in Colona, Ill. and is a supplier of 1911 handguns and AR platform rifles and is branching out into bolt action rifles.

[Rock River Arms](#)



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## America's First Aerial Gunners

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WW1 had the first widespread use of aircraft in warfare and the United States needed to train its airmen on how to use guns on fighter aircraft. Totally different shooting compared to the mounted cavalry shooting that the Army was familiar with.

Also, the use of shotguns was common in this new form of warfare and skeet shooting was used in

training. Of course, the target was WW1 aircraft that were mostly made of a tubular framework with a cloth covering, had no armor plating to protect the pilot and critical parts of the aircraft.

Even today's fighter pilots can improve their gun accuracy by taking up skeet shooting.

[First Aerial Gunners](#)



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## Smith & Wesson Model 350 X-Frame

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Some of us jumped on board with an AR-15 350 Legend upper for a little more energy over the 5.56 mm standard. Well now Smith and Wesson modified its heavy X-Frame revolver for that cartridge.

What is interesting is that the 350 Legend can be compared to the Remington 357 Maximum (not Magnum) cartridge that was previously developed, the 350 Legend is a slightly longer case and a rimless version of the 357 Maximum.



So, Smith and Wesson adapted this 5.56 based cartridge into a handgun that's one of the most powerful .357 caliber cartridges. Since this cartridge is based on a 5.56 case and a .357 bullet style the production cost of this ammo is reasonable. It's rimless so moon clicks are needed to keep the cartridge in place in the cylinder on the Model 350 X.

[Model 350 X Frame](#)



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## Popular Barrel Rifling Types

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Some of us have built AR rifles and were able to select the barrel rifling type and chambering of the barrel. Glock handguns use a polygon rifling which can't use lead bullets since lead bullets require deeper grooves to engage the lead compared to jacketed bullets. This article describes the various type of rifling available to us. [Popular Rifling Types](#)





## Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel



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### **“ALL HAIL THE FANNY PACK!”**

I think it's time to admit that I must be a bit of a dork at heart. That's because I've re-discovered that sexy, blast-from-the-past-fashion statement known as the "fanny pack". Admittedly, at my lithe 240 pounds, I'm not exactly a clothes horse and am in no way a threat to become the next spokes-model for the Big & Tall clothing industry. No, this is totally a gun-related issue that has nothing to do with carrying a pair of sunglasses and over-stuffed wallet in a questionable accessory.

All this strategic, garment problem-solving is made much easier during the cooler weather, when layers of clothing more easily conceal your carry guns. But, as the Florida sunshine starts to broil your brain, you're reminded that it's now necessary to wear as little as is legally possible. Doing so while still carrying a hidden firearm is no mean trick! So, instead of trying to stuff a Kydex holster down your already too-tight cargo shorts, try turning, once again, to the good old fanny pack. The advantages will easily outweigh any worry over Village residents considering you a tasteless 80's reject. (Anyway, have you SEEN some of the outfits cobbled together around here?!) You have absolutely nothing to worry about.

Another advantage is being able to slip the fanny pack off and stow it in your vehicle if you need to enter a no-gun area, without the need of unbuckling a pant-belt. Although any fanny pack that fits your carry gun will do, a number of firearm manufacturers make a specialty item (read more expensive) that might better fit the bill. These often have built-in holsters and break-away fronts that

can be pulled open for very quick access. (Personally, I'm not a fan of these and end up cutting off the pull-straps as they just get in the way. The extra fraction of a second it takes to open the fanny pack with a zipper is, for me, not much of a concern.) Whatever the configuration, you must practice your draw (without ammo) over and over until it becomes second nature. These items also often have space for an extra magazine (always a good idea). As a side note: The belts that come with the fanny packs are much flimsier than a proper gun belt and can sag annoyingly under the weight of a firearm. I've solved that problem by cutting off the supplied belt and threading the fanny pack through my gun belt. The only downside is that taking the thing on and off is a bit more of a pain.

You could add to the deception by sewing on a university or pro-football team patch to help confuse the masses. Having NRA identification or other gun-related patches is a dead giveaway to what you've got in there. Also, choosing a color other than tactical black or flat-dark-earth might be an idea worth considering.



The gun industry has expanded on the fanny pack idea with all sorts of carriers, including well-disguised cell-phone haulers that have enough space for a micro gun and mag combo. Search around the Internet and you'll discover lots of new ways to carry. But it's hard to beat the original. All hail the fanny pack!

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