



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meetings



Savannah – Tuesday, Sept. 20th - 6:45 to 8:15 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Donor Award: Ruger Max-

9 9mm, 3.2” hammer forged barrel, two 10+1 capacity magazines, high visibility tritium night sights, 18.4 oz weight.



Eisenhower – Monday, Sept. 26th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Donor Award: FN 502 Black Tactical .22 cal,

Industry’s first slide-mounted optics-ready, 4.6” barrel, 15-round high-capacity magazine, hammer fired, single action trigger, weight 23.7 oz and is suppressor-ready.



September Topic: Revolutionary War Veterans Association - Representatives will bring the events of April 19, 1775, a day that some call the most important day in American history, to life. Along the way, they’ll reveal some historical facts that might surprise you.

How to Clean a Gun Festival

This month's Educational Seminar on September 21st at p.m. at Eisenhower REC is our "How to Clean a Gun Festival". The first goal of this semi-annual event is always SAFETY. Be certain that your gun is unloaded, including the round in the chamber. No ammo will be allowed in the room

during this session. Guns and range bags will be inspected at entry.

Do not bring any solvents or lubricating oils with you. The Club will provide an odorless gun cleaning liquid. What we will be doing is helping you, when needed, with the procedure for taking your gun down to the point that you can properly clean it.



Come prepared. Read and bring your owner's manual regarding the disassembly and reassembly of your gun.

Sometimes getting the gun back together again can be tricky if not downright exasperating in the case of the Rugers Mark I, II, & III's. Our experts will be there to help.

Register NOW. Seats usually sell out early. Just click [HERE](#).

Individual Pistol & Rifle Competition

The Villages Straight Shooters Club is offering a new Individual Pistol and Rifle Competition League.

The League will last for five (5) weeks with each week having a different course of fire. This will be a Pistol & Rifle Shoot and you will be shooting as individuals, not as a team.

The shooting will begin on September 12th. You will shoot your target for record any time between

Monday and the following Sunday close of business. There will be a nominal fee of \$20 per shooter for the five-week session. The money will go towards prizes for the winners.

**Check Here for the League's Details
and to Make Your Reservation.
Now taking Reservations Through Sept 8th.**



[CLICK HERE](#)



Legislative Action Committee

Then candidate Obama promoted a “civilian national security force” 14 years ago during his campaign. Here is the video from July 22, 2008: [Obama Campaign Video](#). Of course, by the US Constitution the military can't police civilians, so this “federal police force” would do that, and it is happening now in the IRS and other federal agencies.

On August 3rd, 2022, Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz introduced a bill to ban the IRS from acquiring ammunition. The IRS had already stockpiled 5 million rounds of ammunition! Gaetz was quoted: “The Biden administration wants to disarm Americans, open the boarder, empty the prisons and still collect your taxes with \$725,000 worth of ammunition to do it.” It was also reported that the IRS is armed with 4,461 weapons including 15 fully automatic weapons along with the 5M rounds of ammo.

Then on August 16th the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was signed into law, which authorized an additional 87,000 IRS agents, surely adding to the 2150-armed agents that have been training in the use of guns.

Why? The most logical reason is that the IRS will be doing at home audits on citizen's that own firearms, mostly middle-income taxpayers.

For years, IRS Criminal Investigation field offices have brought the Adrian Project to colleges and university campuses nationwide. How does it work? Students participate in day-long class simulations of a mock criminal investigation. The goal is to provide students with a firsthand look at what it's like for armed IRS special agents to carry out an

investigation, tracking illicit money from the crime to the criminal. Students are "sworn in" as special agents in the morning and wear IRS protective vests, use handcuffs, toy guns and radios to communicate with their counterpart agents on the case. The students sharpen their forensic accounting skills and are introduced to interviewing suspects, conducting surveillance and document analysis. The day ends when the students solve the crime and arrest the mock offender.

Think it's not true? Here is a clip from Congressman Thomas Massie, Kentucky's 4th Congressional District: [The Adrian Project](#)

This video highlights a mock investigation into a company Called “Dodger Landscaping”, not a billion-dollar corporation or a drug cartel, but a small business.

Why do you need armed agents to investigate a small business? That does not make sense, going after local legal businesses armed and ready to arrest. This video shows the real intent of adding 87k new IRS Agents.



If there is a tax fraud issued after an audit, an arrest warrant should be issued and US Secret Service, which is part of the US Treasury should be called in to serve the warrant, not the IRS.

Its logical to go after drug cartels or big city gangs that are criminal organizations evading taxes. And go after illegal guns in the big cities at the same time, but the Adrian Project video does not talk about that.

We should not have the federal government arming up against its citizen. There are also reports of other federal agencies arming up for a “civilian national

security force' as mentioned in Obama's campaign video. This is not what our Democratic Republic should be doing to its citizens. This could also be called a "Federal Police Force", just like communist countries do, upgrade armed government agencies, and disarm its law-abiding citizens.

So, what can we do? Reading this is important, but we need to act and not stand by and watch.

1. Call or write to our Federal Representatives:

Senator Rick Scott (202) 224-5274

<https://www.rickscott.senate.gov>

Senator Marco Rubio (202) 224-3041

<https://www.rubio.senate.gov>

Congressman Dan Webster (202) 225-1002

<https://webster.house.gov>

2. Donate to like-minded representatives and gun rights organizations.
3. VOTE for like-minded representatives.
4. Talk to everyone you know about any anti-gun government policy and upcoming laws.

Remember: If the government wants your AR-15, you need an AR-15. If the government wants your 30-round magazine, you need a 30-round magazine. If the government wants your semi-auto gun, you need a semi-auto gun.



**"An armed society is a polite society."
- Robert Heinlein**

Battle Rifles of WWII

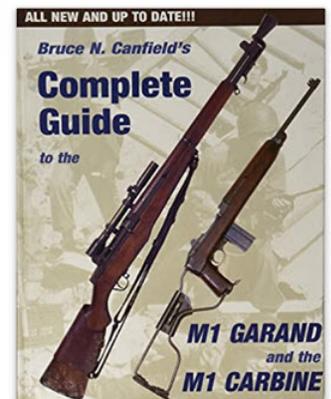


M1 Garand
"Thumb" Be careful when loading a clip into the magazine!



Post WW2 Production:

- o Harrington & Richardson '52-'56, 428,600 delivered
- o Springfield Armory '52-'57, 637,420 delivered
- o International Harvester Co. '53-'57, 337,623 delivered Barrels by Line Material Co.



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)

“RED DOT RUMINATIONS – A CAUTIONARY TALE”



Let's un-muddy the waters on an important subject. I get alarmed when I read or hear gun writers or instructors emphatically state that, “Red dots on carry guns actually slow you down and should not be used!” It's not that they're

completely wrong. It's that they seldom include aging eyes in the equation and how red dots could potentially even improve the odds of becoming a better, faster shooter with a carry gun. Let me explain:

Can a red dot riding atop a carry gun slow you down? You bet! Countless times I've watched shooters in drills and while practicing, fumbling about, doing the “Red-Dot-Rhumba” and desperately trying to find that pesky little thing. Even though, as their instructor, you show them how to find it, it can take an inordinate amount of time before they learn to acquire it easily and consistently, only to forget how they did it the next time you watch them shoot. Frustrating! The usual reason they can't find it is that they don't practice and that's one of the main points that the red-dot detractors make in their arguments. And they're not wrong. Most shooters won't practice enough to achieve the obvious advantages that a red-dot will bring to the table, especially with their carry gun. So, it's up to



All matching numbers, original issue? Maybe not. During 1945-1946 FN contracted to refurbish M1's. No attempt to match parts, so receivers, barrels, stocks all jumbled up.



FN workers assemble or disassemble M1 Garand rifles.

Current M1 Markets:

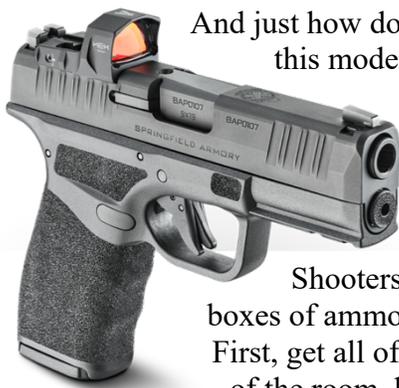
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Next issue we will go into the M1 variants that were used during WWII until after the Viet Nam war.

“Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every country in Europe.” – Noah Webster

"In the larger sense, however, the personal ownership of firearms is only secondarily a matter of defense against the criminal. Note the following from Thomas Jefferson: *The strongest reason for the people to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against the tyranny of government. That is why our masters in Washington are so anxious to disarm us. They are not afraid of criminals. They are afraid of a populace which cannot be subdued by tyrants.*"

people like me to point that out to those who carry a firearm for self-defense and especially for those of a certain age. In other words, all of us in The Villages Straight Shooters! As old eyes deteriorate, it gets harder and harder to deal with the sights that came with the gun - line up the back sight with the front sights and then the target. Enter the red dot!



And just how do we take advantage of this modern wonder? The beauty of this kind of needed practice is that you can do a lot of it at home without firing a shot. No trip to

Shooters World, no expensive boxes of ammo to plow through. First, get all of that ammunition out of the room, be certain your firearm

is cleared and your red dot is on. Then drill like you were back in Basic Training! This will also get you practicing a proper draw: Pull that gun out from concealment and bring it to your eye. At the beginning, you can start with the barrel tilted slightly up and slowly – at first – bring it down to parallel and the red dot will come in to view. Soon, as you properly drive the gun to the target, the need for beginning with an upward-tilted barrel will disappear and you will naturally increase your speed. But here’s the key: REPEAT THIS DRILL ABOUT 1000 TIMES, or at least as often as you can. Sooner than you know, that red dot will appear every time, exactly where you thought it would be. Follow-up shots are a huge consideration with a defensive gun, so, run a similar drill. After finding the dot the first time, flip the barrel up, mimicking recoil, losing the target picture, and then re-acquire the dot. When you finally get to the range, run your new-found skills with live ammo and – if you’ve done enough repetitions - you should see major improvements.

So, what I’m getting at in this debate, is that the detractors are absolutely correct when saying that if you don’t practice (and practice seriously), you shouldn’t have a red dot on your carry gun. It will just slow you down. If you do your due diligence though and really put in the time, I think that the

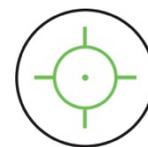
opposite can be true and you will become a faster, more accurate shooter, even with a carry gun. There are, obviously, a lot of manufactures banking on the hope that you’ll follow the popular trend of buying an optics-ready carry gun. They are out there in droves. And, as a side note, there are companies, like Holosun, who are bringing interesting new technology to the table that aids in finding a red dot quickly, including follow-up shots. We’ll have to see how that plays out, but I like the trend.



I’m sincerely interested to know how it’s going for our membership. If you are currently carrying a firearm with an optic, or are contemplating the possibility, PLEASE promise yourself that you’ll



put in the required work and, if you see me, let me know how you’re doing. We should all realize what a huge responsibility it is to carry a gun and to do whatever you can to improve your skills! Simply buying a new firearm with an optic and just assuming they’ll be improvements without a lot of effort is ridiculous. It’s time to get to work!



“To Conquer a Nation, first disarm its citizens” *Adolf Hitler*

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