



Tactical Talk

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Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poke me in the ribs, cackling, and say, "You're next".

They quit doing that when I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.



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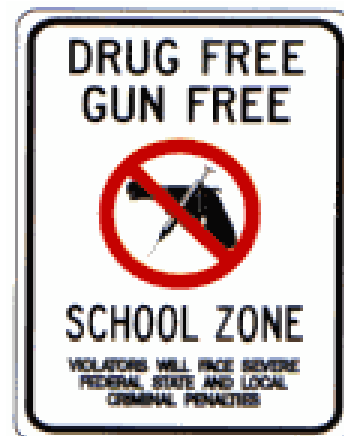
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Gun Free Zones

One of my pet peeves is the issue of "gun free zones", locations in which it is illegal to be armed even if you have a valid carry permit. Only the most ignorant or naive could really think of these as anything other than "victim zones" or hunting preserves set aside specifically for criminals and terrorists to hunt unarmed victims in.

Does anyone really think that any person who is planning a murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, or terror incident would be deterred because of a rule against carrying a gun in a given location? On the contrary, they will be encouraged to attack in such a place, emboldened by the knowledge that no one else there is likely to be armed.

The most basic civil right and the most basic human right is the right to self defense. Saying you have the right to self defense, but you may not possess a weapon is exactly the same as saying you have the right to a free press, but you may not possess paper or ink. Your rights as a citizen are meaningless when you let people take them away from you on a whim.



Study Group, Monday, Nov. 8th

Study Group will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8th, for our monthly brainstorming session. "Cover charge" is \$20.00, and participation is limited to graduates of Level III and higher. This has become an excellent learning and skill building opportunity for our serious students of weaponcraft.

2005 Tactical Conference & Winter Indoor Championship

February 26th & 27th at Rangemaster, Memphis

It's time to get your entries in for this important annual training event. The match this year will have some surprises, plus some new reactive targets that are even more realistic. I got some evil ideas at the NTI this year, and they'll be worked into the scenarios.

The Tactical Conference part of the event promises to be our best yet. We have a virtual Who's Who from the national training community, with seminars, demonstrations, and actual classes in a variety of subjects. Here are some of the seminar presenters this year:

Russ Adler, Counter Terrorism specialist from Florida
Skip Gochenour, Director, National Tactical Invitational, Pennsylvania
Steve Moses, trainer & author from Dallas, Texas
John Farnam, Defense Training Int'l., master trainer from Colorado
Gabe Suarez, trainer & author, Suarez International, Arizona
Jim Garthwaite, American Pistolsmith Guild Pistolsmith of the Year
Jeff Gonzales, trainer & author, Trident Concepts, Arizona
David Blinder, trainer, Personal Defense Training, Atlanta
Karl Rehn, trainer, KR Training, Austin, Texas
Paul Gomez, trainer, OPS, Baton Rouge, La
Tom Givens, trainer & author, Rangemaster, Memphis.

These trainers' seminars will include a number of vital subject areas. Paul Gomez will be covering how to efficiently run an AK, a skill we all may need one day. David Blinder will be doing some hands-on vehicle defense work outside, and Skip Gochenour will reveal research on how to spot criminal behavior in its early stages. This is just a sample.

In addition to the free seminars all weekend long, we have arranged for some of the trainers to conduct one day classes both before and after the conference, so that attendees can spend one extra day here and take a class from a nationally recognized instructor. These classes include:

Airsoft Force on Force Instructor, by Karl Rehn. Students will learn how to design, set up, and conduct scenario based training with Airsoft guns and equipment. Students will train with Karl all day Friday, 25 Feb, then will be role players in force on force scenarios for the attendees during the conference on Sat & Sun. Cost is only \$150.00.

Defensive Folding Knife, with Steve Moses. Learn to effectively use the folding knife in self defense, all day class Monday, February 28. Cost is only \$150.00.

Strong Hand Only, with Jeff Gonzales. Using a handgun effectively with only one hand is a critical skill, and Jeff has designed a one day course geared specifically toward learning to efficiently run a pistol with one hand. All day, Monday, 28 Feb. Cost is \$180.00.

Entry fee for the Tactical Conference & Winter Indoor Championship is \$100.00 (\$95.00 for Polite Society members). This event fills up every year three or four months in advance, so register now to avoid disappointment. Entry fee includes the match, all seminars and classes on Saturday and Sunday, and the prize drawing at the awards ceremony Sunday.

More info, including reviews from previous years' events can be seen at:

thecurmudgeon.freeservers.com/ps .



Upcoming Courses

Defensive Shotgun *Tuesday—Wednesday* *Nov. 30th— Dec. 1st*

We have our Defensive Shotgun Course here on Tuesday-Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. both nights. There is classroom instruction plus range time. All ammunition is included in the class fee, and we have a couple of extra shotguns for those who don't have one yet. Fee is only \$199.00. Learn how to properly and effectively use the most potent home defense weapon in our arsenal.

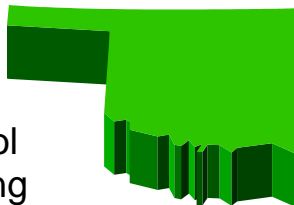
Combative Pistol II *at Rangemaster* *Dec. 11-12th*

Combative Pistol II is for students who have previously graduated from our Combative Pistol Course, our Dynamic Marksmanship Course, or one of our Five Day Courses. CPII is all range work, and students will fire between 1,000 and 1,500 rounds of ammunition. Learn to do things with a pistol you never thought possible, while honing and refining your existing shooting skills. Cost is only \$299.00.

We have a CPII course here at Rangemaster on Dec. 11-12, 2004. We also have one scheduled at the Tac Pro Shooting Center in Mingus, Texas (near Dallas) on April 2-3, 2005. Class size is limited to 14 students, so we can give maximum individual attention and coaching.

Combative Pistol Course

On Jan. 22-23, 2005, Rangemaster will conduct a Combative Pistol Course at the The Firing Pin, an indoor range in Hinton, OK. Hinton is a short drive from Oklahoma City, and the indoor range will allow us to train regardless of winter weather. This is our first CPC in Oklahoma.



The War Against the Terror Masters, *by Michael A. Ledeen*

Michael Ledeen is a historian and scholar of terrorism and the Middle East. The sub-title of this 2002 book is "Why It Happened, Where We Are Now. How We'll Win." This text will give you an in-depth view of the origins of Muslim extremist terror organizations, including Al Qaeda and others, and a detailed look at our government's successes and failures in handling this threat. If you want the facts, without the media's agenda driven spin, I highly recommend this work. From Truman Talley Books, St. Martin's Press, New York.

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Concealed Carry Vests



For the past couple of months, I have been wearing two very lightweight concealment vests I got from Concealed Carry Clothiers. These vests were designed specifically for concealed carry of firearms, and they work very well. CCC has several styles and colors available. The ones I've been wearing are the extremely lightweight Tropical Vest, one in olive green and the other in charcoal, a dark blue/gray color.

CCC's vests are dressier than the typical photo-journalist vests, or 5-11 type "tactical" vests, with fewer external pockets. The Tropical Vest is made of a lightweight, washable material, with a mesh lining in the shoulder cape, to aid in air circulation. The front edges are reinforced a bit, which aids speed in your concealed carry presentation. See www.concealedcarry.com for more information, or to order.