



Tactical Talk

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"We're face to face with destiny, and we must meet it with resolute courage. For ours is a life of action, of strenuous performance, of duty. Let us live in the harness of striving mightily. Let us run the risk of wearing out rather than rusting out."

— Theodore Roosevelt, via John Farnam

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Gift Certificates

A reminder that Rangemaster has gift certificates, in any amount you wish to specify. The recipient can use these toward a gun purchase, buy holsters or accessories, or use them toward classes.

Personal security training or gear could be the most useful gift you can give your loved ones this holiday season.



IDENTITY THEFT TIPS

Identity theft is an epidemic problem in the U.S., resulting in huge monetary losses, credit problems, and a lot of personal anguish. For free tips on identity theft see www.credit-report-a-z.com/credit-report-articles.html.

Defensive Shooter's Gallery

As a service to shooters who are involved in IDPA/USPSA action shooting sports, or are thinking of participating, we offer the following definitions of commonly used terms.

Gun Nomenclature

BORE- Reading another Weaver vs. Iso article

BUTT- What gets shot off if you fail to train

FRONT SIGHT- Annoying part that obscures your view of the target

REAR SIGHT- Part used to remove calluses from hands during malfunction clearance drills

MUZZLE- Clamp like device used to prevent utterance of b.s. by Shumer, Kerry, Feinswine, etc

PISTOL- Device often used as a substitute for a real weapon

SOCIAL SECURITY- Repeating 12 gauge shotgun

BUCKSHOT- Pills used to cure social diseases

1911- a) pivotal date in firearms history b) number of gizmos in range bag c) rounds fired monthly by really good shots

COMBAT FLASHLIGHT- Device used to pinpoint your location for the enemy under poor lighting conditions

EXTENDED MAGAZINE RELEASE- Device used to prevent magazines from staying in the weapon

EXTENDED SLIDE RELEASE- Device used to keep the slide from locking open

DROP-IN PARTS- accessories that demand meticulous hand fitting by an experienced gunsmith

LASER- Amusement device for pet cats

SPARE MAGAZINE- weighted device used to counter-balance the pistol on the belt

BUG- Back-Up Gun, carried strictly to keep parts from breaking on the big pistol

BULLET- Remote control drill, used to create apertures into the subcutaneous environment

Shooting Terms

POINT OF IMPACT- if it goes right= a jerk if it goes left= a push if it goes straight= a miracle

BEGINNER- Someone working on accumulating bad habits

MASTER- Someone who has finally grasped the basics

GUN SHOP COMMANDO- non-shooter who has firmly held beliefs not supported by training, education, or experience

GUN WRITER- Gun Shop Commando with a word processor

SEAL- extremely common aquatic animal, there are thousands and thousands of them

Ex-SEAL- almost anyone behind a typical gunshop counter

MATCH- a ritual activity used to induce stress, frustration, and anxiety in Beginners and Masters

COURSE OF FIRE- elaborate dance used in these rituals

MATCH DIRECTOR- senior witch doctor who oversees rituals

RANGE OFFICER (competition)- a less senior witch doctor. Due to ingestion of mind altering drugs, his perception of the ritual is nothing like that of the Beginners and Masters

RANGE OFFICER (police)- a person tasked with range maintenance, landscaping, supply, and administration. Only rarely involved in relevant training activity.

MARTIAL ARTIST- A shooter who cannot get through his head that a match is not a gunfight.

GAMESMAN- A shooter who views his pistol the same as his fly rod, tennis racket, and Nintendo.

INSTRUCTOR- Mythical, god-like being who imparts wisdom to Beginners, transforming them into Masters. Also keeps beginners from getting into trouble through the accumulation of excess money.

SEE WHAT'S REALLY THERE!

According to a research study at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be at the right place... The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it.

Have any difficulty reading that? Probably not. The reason is, your mind knew what it was supposed to look like, and superimposed your expectation over the reality. The same thing happens to us as we go through our daily routine.

Beware of only seeing what you expect to see. Look at detail, particularly when you see people you don't know in your immediate vicinity. Mentally question things, circumstances, or people who look out of place. *Don't superimpose your expectations on reality!*

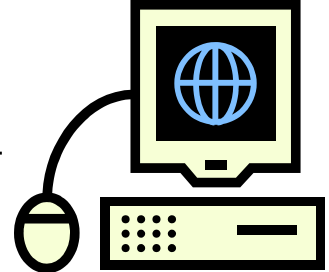
2005 Tactical Conference & Winter Indoor Championship

If you haven't registered yet, this is your last call! This is one of the premiere training events of the year, with big name instructors from all over the U.S. gathered here for highly informative seminars and classes. The match will be a real challenge this year, with new props, reactive bad guy targets, and more. Entry fee is \$100.00, which includes the match, all weekend seminars/ classes, and a prize drawing at the awards ceremony. Don't miss this important annual event.



Internet Forums of Interest

For those of you who enjoy internet discussion forums, here are two that I heartily recommend.



If you're a hard-core training junkie, check out www.warriortalk.com. This forum is sponsored by well known trainer Gabe Suarez, and is frequented by some very knowledgeable trainers and operators. There is a wealth of experience and expertise available here.

Locally, www.tnguntalk.com is intended as a place for Mid-South carry permit holders to exchange information on carry related legal issues, prohibited locations, training experiences, and more. Administered by a Range-master student and carry activist, there is a great deal of information for permit holders in Tennessee and surrounding areas.