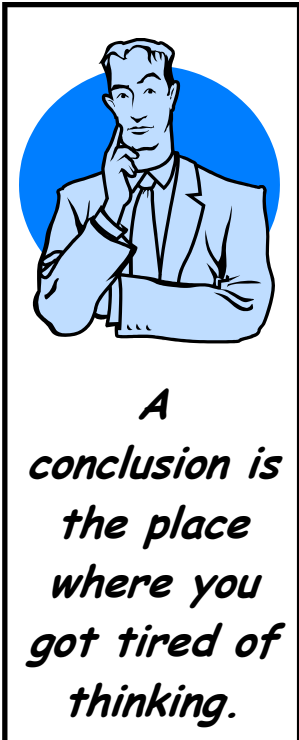




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SouthNarc's ECQC Course (Extreme Close Quarters Combat)

SouthNarc is the *nom de guerre* of a full time narcotics agent and trainer from the Gulf Coast. Over many years of interacting with drug dealers and rip-off artists, including several who tried to kill him, SouthNarc developed a system for self defense at arm's length.

This is an important skill area for private citizens, as well. Many attacks originate as muggings, and a hand to hand fight can easily escalate to the level of deadly force. Getting your gun out and actually deploying it *while fighting an attacker* can be very problematic. SouthNarc's system of "gun grappling" addresses this concern. You will learn the basic techniques, live fire on the range, then learn to put them to use against a live, resisting opponent with Simunitions and protective gear. I have seen SouthNarc's system in use, and it is very effective. He'll be at Rangemaster on Saturday, March 12, to do his one day Gun Grappling Course, plus an optional four hour hand to hand block, Principles of Unarmed Combat on Sunday morning.

A reminder that the range will be shut down completely for the weekend of February 25-27th, Friday-Sunday, for the annual Winter Indoor Championship & Tactical Conference. We'll have shooters and trainers from all over the U.S. here, with several training events going on concurrently. We will return to normal operations on Monday, February 28th.

IWB Holsters

Many of us on the staff carry full size guns all day, every day. We do this because the purpose of your sidearm is *to fight for your life*. With that in mind, we carry the biggest, most powerful, easiest to use gun we can. I've debriefed a LOT of people after gunfights, but I've never heard one say he wished he'd had a smaller, less powerful pistol when the ship hit the sand.



To accomplish this, many of us wear an IWB (inside waist-band) holster. This is the easiest way to discreetly conceal a full size handgun. Most of the gun/holster rides inside your trousers, with only the butt of the gun exposed above the belt. This allows a longer pistol, without the need for a longer cover garment. It also tucks the pistol in tighter to the torso than any holster mounted on the outside of the belt.

As in most things, there are traits to look for, and traits to avoid in IWB rigs. To be avoided like the plague are the cheap, thin, chicken-hide or nylon IWB's that clamp onto the belt with a plastic or steel clip. These tend to come out of the pants with the gun (really embarrassing!), and when the gun is drawn the holster collapses. This makes it impossible to holster the gun one handed. A properly designed rig will stay open when the gun is out, allowing easy one handed re-holstering. Belt attachments should be a closed belt tunnel, as in the GWH holster I wear, or one-way snap loops, like those illustrated below. This holster is the PCH, from master leather maker Lou Alessi. As in most things, quality costs a bit more, but is well worth it.





2005 Special Classes

Combative Pistol Course, two days, 1000 rounds, \$299.00

Jan. 22-23, 2005	Hinton, OK (near Oklahoma City)
Mar. 19-20, 2005	South River Gun Club, Atlanta, GA
Apr. 16-17, 2005	WSSA, Harrisburg, PA
Apr. 23-24, 2005	Rangemaster, Memphis, TN
Apr. 30- May 1, 2005	Fort Valley, GA
May 21-22, 2005	Baton Rouge, LA
Jun. 4-5, 2005	Erie, PA
Oct. 8-9, 2005	Tac Pro Shooting Center, Mingus, TX

Combative Pistol II, two days, 1200 rounds, \$299.00

Apr. 2-3, 2005	Tac Pro Shooting Center, Mingus, TX
Oct. 15-16, 2005	FOP Range, Anniston, AL

at RANGEMASTER, Memphis, TN

Mar 12, 2005	SouthNarc, ECQC
May 14-15, 2005	Chuck Taylor, Advanced Handgun
Aug 6-7, 2005	Gabe Suarez, Interactive Gunfighting
Oct 1-2, 2005	John Farnam, Advanced Defensive Handgun

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MACHINEGUN SHOOT

The annual Ronald McDonald House Rock 103 Radiothon Charity Machine-gun Shoot will be held on Saturday this time, on February 5, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. We will have a variety of exotic, rare, fun guns to shoot, including submachineguns, an elephant gun, police weapons, and more. Proceeds benefit the wonderful work of the Ronald McDonald House, one of the most worthy charities I can think of. The House provides a no-cost home for the parents of kids with life threatening illnesses, undergoing treatment at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. A child with cancer or a related illness is a parent's worst nightmare, and the support of the staff and residents at the House helps them get through this horribly traumatic event. Please come help us with this important event.