



Tactical Talk

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A snail was walking home from work and decided to take a short-cut through an alley. Three young turtles emerged from behind a dumpster and mugged the snail. When the police arrived later, all the snail could say was "Gee, it all happened so fast!"

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COMBATIVE PISTOL I IN RENO, NV IN AUGUST

We'll be conducting a Combative Pistol I course at a very nice outdoor range complex in Reno, Nevada, on Aug 20-21, 2005. We'll be using the Washoe County Regional Shooting Center's range and indoor classroom. Tuition is \$299. For details on the Combative Pistol course see www.rangemaster.com.



Students work on moving off the line of attack while drawing from concealment.

(Combative Pistol I, Baton Rouge, La, May 2005)

DRY-FIRE PROGRAM

Dry Fire is a very important part of your training regimen. It is difficult to accumulate enough repetitions of your gun-handling/marksmanship skills without engaging in dry fire practice at home between range visits. To help give you incentive to do your dry practice, we have a set of dry fire drills on our website. Look on the left side of the home page (www.rangemaster.com) and click on Dry Fire Drills. You will get detailed instructions on how to proceed safely, and have the option of selecting six different dry fire drills. These have either round, bullseye type targets or IDPA silhouette targets, that appear and disappear from your screen at timed intervals. You can use these to work on target acquisition, either from the ready or from the holster. Follow the safety protocol outlined on the screen and have fun.

ANNUAL THREE-DAY INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATION COURSE



Friday through Sunday, August 12-14, 2005, Rangemaster will conduct our annual Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development and Certification Course. This course is a great learning experience, as well as a lot of fun. You will learn to properly handle, operate, and shoot a wide variety of handgun types and calibers, with a lot of range time spread over the three days. In the classroom you will learn about educational theory and the best ways to instruct and coach new shooters. All ammunition is furnished, along with a huge reference manual. Graduates become State Certified Handgun Instructors in Tennessee.



Both Tom Givens and John Hearne of the Rangemaster staff presented lectures at this year's National Tactical Invitational (NTI) in Harrisburg, Pa. For more info on the NTI, see www.teddytactical.com.

Hot Weather Concealed Carry

It's summer time in Memphis, and as always it's getting really hot and muggy. The high humidity here combines with raw temperatures in the high 90's and low 100's to produce a sticky heat that is most unpleasant. We tend to wear less clothing this time of year, and recreational clothing often consists of little more than shorts and a T-shirt.

None of this, however, releases us from our obligation to provide security for ourselves and our loved ones. In fact, aggression peaks in August, when the temperature and humidity also peak. Almost 40 Rangemaster students have won violent armed confrontations with criminals, and many of these incidents occurred during summer months. I would remind you that the only two Rangemaster students ever killed by criminals *were not armed when they were murdered*. Thus, summer concealment becomes a prime topic.

There are a number of options for discreet carry during extremely hot weather. Pocket holsters are one option that work even with a pair of shorts. Pleated pants or shorts with large pockets work best for this type of carry. You need a pocket holster, rather than just dropping the gun in a pocket. The pocket holster keeps the gun oriented correctly for you to grasp it, covers the trigger guard for safety, and breaks up the outline of the gun, making it less detectable. If you're wearing full length pants, an ankle holster works well if you have no cover garment above the waist. An inside waistband holster (IWB) will work well, even with a fairly large gun, under a bulky shirt. A loose fitting golf shirt, or the popular Hawaiian shirt worn with the tail out will cover your IWB holster quite well. If you opt for a fanny pack, you might want to consider a bit of "urban camouflage" to deflect attention from the fanny pack. Try sewing a Nikon or Canon patch, and a patch from Disney World or some other theme park on the exterior of the pack. This makes it look like a camera bag, rather than a receptacle for a handgun. Remember the first rule of gunfighting-- "Bring a gun!"



Here are a couple of versions of pocket holster with Kahr 9mm pistols. This works well for a back-up gun, or for deep concealment in the summer.

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TRAINING IN WEAPONS, TACTICS AND COMBATIVES

A reminder that Gabe Suarez, Suarez International, will be conducting two classes here at Rangemaster in August. On Friday, Aug 5th Gabe will conduct a full day Combatives for Shooters course. This is a class in hand to hand skills geared specifically for those who go armed. On Sat-Sun, Aug 6-7, Gabe will conduct an Interactive Gunfighting course. This is two full days of live role play in scenarios, using Airsoft guns so we can actually engage each other in realistic scenarios. For this class we'll be using the shoot-house at the Memphis Police Academy, which will allow us to run realistic scenarios both indoors and outdoors over the course of the weekend. This takes your training to the next level. Instead of shooting at a static paper target, you'll be shooting your Airsoft pistol at a live, moving, thinking opponent in hold-up, car jacking, and other assault situations. This is the best way to get some experience in gunfighting without having to risk getting killed as you learn!