



Tactical Talk

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"I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people... To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them."

-George Mason, during Virginia's ratification convention, 1788

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JOHN FARNAM, ADVANCED HANDGUN IN OCTOBER



John Farnam is one of the most respected firearms trainers in the US, conducting training all over the world for the past 30 years. He'll be at Rangemaster on Oct. 1-2, 2005, (Sat.-Sun.) to conduct his Advanced Defensive Handgun course. John is one of the trainers

who will be presenting information at the Tactical Conference this winter, and we have him in every year to do a class. Highly recommended.

Memphis Homicides Hit 10 in One Week

During the week that ended on July 16 there were 10 homicides in Memphis. Two were ruled justifiable self defense, the other eight were murders (that's in seven days). There are typically about fifty Aggravated Assaults for every homicide, so you do the math. Be armed, be alert, and accept the fact that violence can occur just about anywhere.

Combative Pistol I and II

Our Combative Pistol courses are intensive weekend courses designed to effectively instill proper gunhandling habits and ingrain correct marksmanship principles, preparing the student to *fight* with the handgun, not just operate it. CP1 includes some intensive mindset and tactical training, in addition to a long list of physical skills. CP2 is all on the range, refining and honing the skills learned in CP1, and really bringing out your maximum performance with the sidearm.

We have a Combative Pistol I at Rangemaster, Memphis, on Nov. 12-13, 2005. There are no pre-requisites for this course, although you should have a basic understanding of the operation of your handgun. If you have had Level I and II basic classes

here, you are well prepared. There are CP2 courses coming at:

Anniston, Alabama, Oct. 15-16, 2005 and
Rangemaster, Memphis, Jan. 28-29, 2006.

To attend CP2, you must have attended a CP1 course, or Tactical Response (Yeager) Tactical Pistol, Thunder Ranch Defensive Handgun I, Gunsite 250, or similar. You will fire between 1,200 and 1,500 rounds in CP2.

Defensive Shotgun Course at Rangemaster



We will conduct a Defensive Shotgun Course on Oct 11-12, 2005. This is a Tuesday-Wednesday class, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. both nights. Topics covered include selection and modification of the defensive shotgun; ammunition performance and selection; shooting and manipulation techniques; tactical

deployment; and weapon retention. Cost is \$199.00 which *includes all ammunition*, including birdshot, buckshot, and slugs. The shotgun can be a formidable home defense weapon, but as with most weapon systems you must be familiar with its correct operation and its capabilities and limitations.



Inside Waistband Holsters



Inside Waistband Holsters (IWB) are a very commonly encountered method of carrying a defensive handgun concealed. They allow the full concealment of a mid-size to full-size handgun, and allow concealment under minimal clothing. Most of the professional trainers I work with carry their sidearms in IWB rigs, to include Clint Smith, John Farnam, Tiger McKee, Paul Gomez,

South Narc, and others. I wear a full size 1911 in an IWB holster every day, and find it the best all around method for a balance of concealment and quick access. Paul Gomez often works as the assailant in extreme close quarter training, and he has discovered an added benefit to a well designed IWB rig—it is more difficult for an attacker to get your gun out of a proper IWB holster than from any type of outside mounted belt holster.

As with any other item of equipment, however, IWB holsters range from excellent to useless. The best examples come from the semi-custom shops, such as Alessi (GWH, and PCH), Sparks (VM-2 and Summer Special II), Rusty Sherrick (Thin Man), and a few others. Among mass produced rigs, the Galco Royal Guard and the Don Hume PCCH do an acceptable job, at a lower price than the hand-made rigs. Shun any IWB made of flimsy, thin leather or one that has a clip to secure it to the belt.



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Tactical Conference 2006

Every year since 1997 Rangemaster has hosted an annual Winter Indoor Championship match in February. Most outdoor ranges are shut down for the winter at that time, and we take advantage of our indoor facility to conduct the entire match in low light conditions, which adds to the realism and relevance of the event. We also have 3-D reactive mannequin targets, realistic props, and other surprises, which make this a very challenging and rewarding shooting event. All shooting is from concealment, with street gear and full power ammo.

Since 2000, we have combined this match with our annual Tactical Conference, a weekend long gathering of some of the finest trainers in the U.S., conducting lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on classes throughout the event. We typically have scenario based exercises involving AirSoft guns and equipment; classroom lectures on shooting, tactical issues, combat first-aid, and related subjects; presentations on criminal activity by experienced investigators; and much more. Participants may attend as many of these classes and seminars as they wish throughout the course of the weekend. The entry fee for this event is only \$100.00, which covers the match, all training activities during the Tactical Conference, and a random prize drawing at the awards ceremony. The date for the next Tactical Conference is Feb. 25-26, 2006. This event fills every year by late November, so if you wish to attend, you'd better register soon.