



Tactical Talk

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"I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

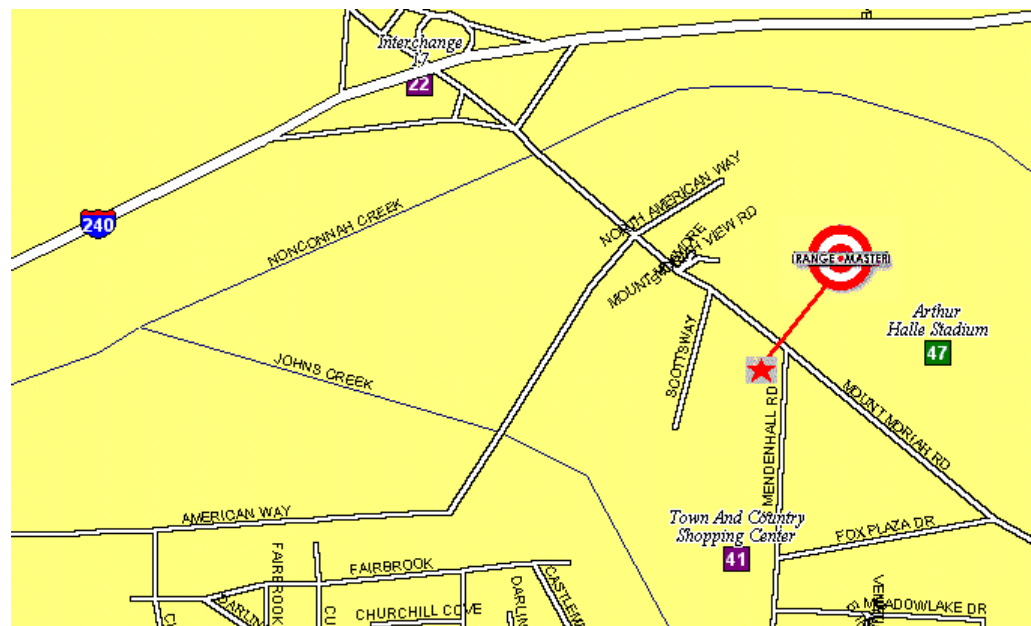
--Thomas Jefferson

2006 Annual Tactical Conference in February

The weekend of February 25-26, 2006 Rangemaster will again host its annual Tactical Conference. This event will draw almost a hundred serious practitioners of the defensive arts, along with a dozen of the top trainers in the country. Last year there were shooters from 25 different states and a couple of foreign countries. There will be lectures and seminars, hands-on training sessions, and a live-fire, low light match on the pistol range. Our facility will be closed to the public for that weekend. (related photo on page 3)

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South Narc's Extreme Close Quarters

June 17-18, 2006

The ShivWorks Extreme Close Quarter Concepts (ECQC) course is a one or two day block of instruction which focuses on a multi-disciplinary approach to building functional, combative handgun skills at zero to five feet. The course is designed to instill core concepts of seamless integration and provide the platform for aggressive problem solving during a life or death struggle. A heavy emphasis is placed upon commonality of body mechanics between skill sub-sets, which means that all combative software is reinforcing. Once the student's skill sets are initially ingrained, the participant will be stress inoculated with force on force drills utilizing Simunitions and protective equipment.

Topics covered include:

Day One

- Diagnostics
- Introduction to the components of the Combative Drawstroke
- Building the #2 position in live-fire
- Firing throughout the horizontal line of presentation
- Off-hand fending positions
- Default position
- Basic empty hand blows
- Theory of in-fight weapon access
- Grounded basics

Day Two

- Challenging the potential attacker
- Preemptive weapon access
- Muzzle aversion within draw-stroke
- Negotiating the F.U.T.
- ECQ Handgun retention in holster
- ECQ handgun retention out of holster
- Handgun recovery
- Handgun striking

Equipment required: Holster, pistol, two magazines, eye & ear protection, heavy sweatshirt or soft body armor, mouthpiece and cup, 200 rounds of ammo.

Course cost is \$325. This class is not recommended for beginning shooters and prior documented training or instructor approval is required. Students should be relatively fit as this is a contact class. Most of the latter half of each day will be spent utilizing Simunition marking cartridges and FIST helmets, to allow the students to gain confidence in applying their newly acquired skills against moving aggressive opponents.



The Tactical Conference will include classroom instruction plus hands-on training.

Newest Handgun Master

Rangemaster has a plaque in the lobby commemorating ten shooters who have passed our Handgun Master Test since its adoption in December 1997. This is a very difficult 100 round shooting test, which examines the shooter's ability to draw rapidly and shoot quickly and accurately, on single and multiple targets, at ranges from 3-25 yards. Times are very tight. Passing this test signifies that the shooter has mastered his handgun, and can perform at a very high skill level with it. On January 5, 2006, one of our instructors, Tim Thomas, passed this test with his Springfield Armory 1911 .45. Tim is the first to pass this rigorous test since Bob Liddell made it in January 2003. Congratulations, Tim!

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Little Known Scientific Conversion Factors Explained (humor)

- ◆ the ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter= Eskimo Pi
- ◆ 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup= won ton
- ◆ the time between slipping on a banana peel and hitting the pavement= 1 bananosecond
- ◆ the weight an evangelist carries with God= 1 billigram
- ◆ half a large intestine = 1 semi-colon
- ◆ 2,000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds
- ◆ 2 monograms = 1 diagram
- ◆ 8 nickels = 2 paradigms
- ◆ the shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line

Rangemaster Advanced Courses Coming Up Soon

Combative Pistol 2, at Rangemaster, March 11-12
Combative Pistol 1, Baton Rouge, LA, Mar. 25-26
Combative Pistol 2, Austin, TX, April 1-2
Combative Pistol 1, Las Vegas, NV, April 22-23
Combative Pistol 1, Atlanta, GA, April 29-30

