



Tactical Talk

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“The people of the various provinces are strictly forbidden to have in their possession any swords, short swords, bows, spears, firearms, or other types of arms. The possession of unnecessary implements makes difficult the collection of taxes and dues and tends to foment uprisings.”

-- Toyotomi

Hideyoshi, Shogun

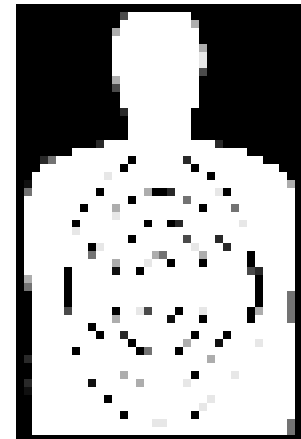
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Dry Fire Practice Kits

Our good friend and fellow trainer Claude Werner is a huge proponent of dry practice, as I am. Dry fire allows you to practice basic skills, gain repetition (which ingrains skills) and do it all in the privacy of your home, with zero expense. To make the dry fire process simpler and more productive, Claude has devised a Practice Kit, consisting of two CD's. There is one version for the autoloading pistol, and a separate version for the snubby revolver. The



CD's include printable targets, scaled down for dry fire at room distances, detailed instruction on setting up and conducting dry practice, and even video of Claude performing each of the drills on camera, with an audible timer. This is a great way to set up and conduct your dry fire practice regimen. I guarantee using this practice kit will make you a better shooter. With the rising cost of practice ammo, this is a vital piece of gear for shooters of every level. It is available at Rangemaster for just \$29.95. For mail orders, add \$3.00 for shipping.

2009 Tactical Conference Announced!



The annual Rangemaster Tactical Conference has become one of the premiere training events on the circuit. The 2008 event was a huge success. Over 135 shooters attended, from all over the US. We had live-fire, classroom, and hands-on training segments, put on by 17 of the finest firearms and tactics trainers in the US. The shooting match involved reactive 3-D mannequins representing both threats and non-threats, in realistic scenarios. Targets even shot back, with blank firing shotguns, adding to the stress and realism. The next event will be April 25-26, 2009.

The 2009 event promises to be the best ever! We are pleased and proud to announce that the 2009 Tactical Conference will be held at the fabulous new facilities of the United States Shooting Academy, in Tulsa, OK. USSA is a fantastic new training complex, with numerous ranges, modern classrooms, a shoot-house and more. Holding the event at USSA will enable us to accommodate a lot of practitioners, and Tulsa is just about the geographic center of the US. There will be live fire training, in addition to the scenarios, and there will be a scenario to take advantage of the shoot-house. All of the usual trainers will be present, plus some new surprises. Instructors providing training segments will include: Tom Givens, John Farnam, Steve Moses, Skip Gochenour, Hany Mahmoud, T.J. Pilling, Karl Rehn, Mike Brown, Paul Gomez, John Hearne, William Aprill, and others.

For more details on the facility, see www.usshootingacademy.com. Entry fee will remain \$149.00, which is quite a bargain. Call 901-370-5600 to register, or complete and mail in the entry form. Advance registration is required, and this event fills two-three months in advance every year. Don't delay. Weather in late April should be perfect for outdoor activities.



Shooter inside a car has to engage two armed carjackers outside the car.

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Shooter passes a wall and is confronted by realistic reactive targets. The smoke is from a 12-gauge blank fired by one of the targets.

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There were a number of excellent classroom presentations at the conference. Here, Hany Mahmoud from North Texas Tactical discusses active shooters.

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TACTICAL CONFERENCE 2009 REGISTRATION FORM

April 25-26, 2009, at the United States Shooting Academy facility, Tulsa, OK

Name _____

Mail address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Senior (55 or over) _____

Lawman (sworn law enforcement officer) _____

Paid by: **check** **credit card** **cash** (circle one)

Credit card type **VISA** **MC** **AM EX** **DISCOVER** (circle one)

Number _____

CVC code _____ exp date _____

Name on card _____

Upcoming Classes of Interest

Ladies Only Introduction to Handguns, Sunday, **June 1** at Rangemaster. This class is taught completely by women, and entrance is restricted to women only. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., includes classroom and range time. Cost of **\$49.00** includes all ammunition, a workbook, and use of our pistol. Students don't need to bring anything. Minimum age is 16.

Glock Advanced Maintenance Course, at Rangemaster, Monday, **June 9**, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Learn to properly detail strip and reassemble your Glock pistol, and how to correctly maintain it for maximum performance. **\$59.00**

1911 Operator Course, at Rangemaster, Saturday, **June 14**, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., **\$179.00**. The 1911 is one of the finest fighting pistols ever designed, but it requires an informed, well trained user. All day on the range with the 1911, learning to use it well. Also receive a workbook with extensive maintenance and user information. You will need 500 rounds of quality, jacketed ammunition.

Vehicle Defense Course (anti-carjacking) - Sunday, **June 22**, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Rangemaster. Classroom and live-fire training on the range. Learn to defend yourself in and around your car, including shooting from inside a vehicle. **\$79.00**. Need 200 rounds of ammunition.

Defensive Shotgun Course, Saturday-Sunday, **July 12-13** at Rangemaster. Learn to properly select, modify, handle, and deploy the most powerful and effective close range weapon available. Classroom and live-fire training, with birdshot, buckshot, and slugs. ALL ammunition is provided as part of the tuition! Cost is only **\$199.00**. There will be a few loaner shotguns available for those who don't have one yet.





photos by Oleg Volk



Disabled? Yes Defenseless? Never!

In a world without firearms, the weak, the small, and the physically limited are easy prey for any able-bodied thug. If you are unable to run away, and unable to physically fight, your only choices are to be a victim, or to learn to defend yourself with weapons.

At Rangemaster, we have several students who are confined permanently to wheelchairs, either by accidental injury or disease. Our shooting booths were designed specifically to accommodate a wheelchair, and we adapt shooting and gunhandling techniques to suit anyone's particular disability.

One particularly inspiring example is a young man named Joshua Benson, seen in the accompanying photos. Josh had a severe reaction to a polio vaccination as an eight year old, and lost the use of both legs, as well as the use of his right arm (he was right handed). Despite these serious issues, Josh has successfully completed numerous levels of handgun classes here, as well as an AR Carbine class we conducted at the MPD Academy. In fact, I have seen Josh shoot a 90%+ score on the exact same pistol qualification course of fire used to qualify FBI Agents.

Josh made up his mind to be self reliant and capable of self defense. He had a holster maker produce a holster that allows him to conceal a side-arm, but draw it easily while seated in his wheelchair. Josh learned to reload his main pistol with one hand, but carries a second, back-up gun in case more shooting is needed quickly. In short, he identifies problem areas and solves them. He should be an inspiration to all of us who wish to take back control of our own lives and be capable of defending ourselves against predators. In my view, he should also be a source of great shame for those with two arms and two legs, but not the will to train, adapt, and overcome adversity.

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