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A m e r i c a n s L o v e G u n s,
and yet another public opinion survey supports that conclusion.

In 2012, the percentage of Americans who favored guns as a protection, rather than a danger, was at 45 percent. Since then, that number has grown to 52 percent. At the same time, the percentage on the other side has sagged from 51 percent in favor of gun control to 46 percent now.

The shift is even more marked for African-Americans. According to the Pew survey, two years ago only 29 percent of blacks said gun ownership does more to protect people than endanger personal safety. That number has spiked to 54 percent. The numbers among Republicans in the survey jumped from 63 percent in favor of guns to 80 percent today.

The common thread seems to be lessening confidence in law enforcement and the government to protect individual people.

When the riots started the night the grand jury decision in Ferguson, local and state governments did little to curb the violence. They knew what was coming, yet the National Guard was safely deployed miles away, while the local police bragged about their restraint. This as arson and destruction spread unchecked and local residents were scared. Armed citizens, however, stepped up.

Stories on the GunsSaveLife.com website have detailed the good outcomes, when good people of all races stood up with guns to protect businesses and property in the riot zone. Those businesses were not burned or looted.

Police are not legally required to protect anyone, and in some instances, they are ordered to not use force, for political reasons. Much of the rise in the Pew poll numbers can probably be attributed to more and more Americans coming to the realization that ultimately, the government does not care as much about you as you do. Some St. Louis cops, who knew what was coming as much as their commanders did, urged citizens before the grand jury announcement to get guns if they didn’t already have them. That was good advice, then and now.

At Guns Save Life, we not only defend your right to defend yourself, we encourage you to become armed and trained, as those who do stand a much better chance of not becoming victims.
Immediate Past President’s Report - John Boch

Welcome and thanks for coming! Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. We also hope you didn’t spoil Thanksgiving Dinner by asking anti-gun family members why they don’t take their family’s safety and security seriously by becoming gun owners! Happy Hanukkah (starts Dec. 16) and Merry Christmas!

Illinois Politics: The General Assembly is out for this session and not expected to return. Our wallets and our liberty are safe...

Chicago - Happy Thanksgiving: 38 homicides in November. 125 more shot and wounded.

Heartwarming at the Holidays: Two armed robbers stormed into a bakery in Calumet City, IL two weeks ago and demanded money. The owner of the store was seven for seven shooting one of the hoodlums. If this happened more often, we suspect the smarter members of the criminal class would find a new line of work and Darwin would take care of the rest.

Concealed Carry: A Christmas miracle! The Illinois State Police will receive just over 100k CCW license applications this year… exactly 25% of what they expected and predicted would be received. As of Thanksgiving, there are just shy of 86,000 active licenses, of which right at 13,000 are held by the ladies. “You can’t beat a girl that shoots!”

Ferguson: The rioting and looting went unchecked that first night after the Grand Jury announcement formally clearing Officer Darren Wilson of wrongdoing in the death of Michael Brown. The next night, armed good guy volunteers stood on rooftops and protected businesses, while others patrolled parking lots, all openly carrying firearms. It’s amazing how a dozen or two dozen armed good guys with guns can dissuade rioting when a thousand or more cops all dressed up in riot gear did nothing.

The Illinois General Assembly is in recess for the holiday season. When they return, they will be voting on the final draft in December. We are also updating our Foundational Documents.

Foundational Documents

The revised Bylaws will be voted on in February. If you want to be part of the approval process you need to attend the Champaign meeting in February. We are also updating the Mission Statement to allow all of GSL to be like minded in our efforts. The Board will be voting on the final draft in December. We will also be voting on a Purpose Statement. We’d like to upgrade “We defend your right to defend yourself” from slogan to purpose!

Of course, police officials couldn’t have this and threatened the Oath Keepers and other volunteers with arrest for volunteering to watch over businesses for providing security services without a license. Boch offered his thoughts on that: “That’s like threatening to arrest me for practicing medicine without a license for putting an Israeli Battle Dressing on a car crash victim,” he quipped.

Legal Action Threatened: Taurus has a new handgun out. It’s called the Taurus Curve and it has no fixed sights. Guns & Ammo loves it. We nicknamed it the Taurus Turd and questioned G&A’s objectivity in the gushing review they gave it. Barely twenty-four hours later, they threatened legal action if we didn’t take the story down. We didn’t, but we did publish their legal threat. We’ve made nice with them. Did you know they...

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Winners! From left, Ron Sparrow, winner of the travel case / gun safe; Paul Walker, winner of the Kel-Tec Shotguns; GSL President Bear St. Pierre; Hollianne Logue, standing in for the winner of the PS 90, Nick Pratt; and Bob Alkire of Hoopeston, winner of the crossbow, our December “gun” of the month giveaway.
Alfreda Keller journeyed from her home north of I-80 to give us the inside scoop on what it is to be a gun rights activist and gun instructor in the land of Rahm.

Alfreda retired after 30 years as a Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer. She currently substitute teaches at a high school, volunteers at a literacy program four days a week, shoots competitively, and teaches gun safety and concealed carry classes. Oh, and she’s part of a motorcycle riding group as well. At the high school, she said she sometimes runs in to the third and fourth generation of people that she had on juvenile probation.

It was while on a bike trip that she was eating at the Steak and Shake in Urbana, and ran into our own Tammy Williams there. Tammy was wearing gun-shaped earrings; Alfreda saw this and struck up a conversation which got around to guns, earrings; Alfreda saw this and struck up a conversation which got around to guns, and publically proclaimed that it was a bad idea. Later on, some of these same people came to her privately and asked for lessons. They were closet gun owners!

As far as gun rights activism goes, she congratulated Guns Save Life on all the good it has accomplished in the central part of the state over the years. She commented, however, that the “no guns, no money” cards just do not work in her neck of the woods. Businesses in Chicago aren’t afraid to post their places “no guns”, and they don’t care what you think of them for it.

She also noted that she was shocked to find a shortage of .22s in the central part of the state. She says she has no problems getting .22s in the suburban Chicago area. She said she normally takes a bike ride down to the Kankakee area and buys ammo there, because the sales tax is so much less.

One questioner asked, “With all the things that you’re involved in, how often do you actually get to the range to shoot?” Her answer: “Every week!” (Said with the emphasis that seemed to say, “Who doesn’t?”) She also said that she dry practices in her home every single day. You’ve got to dry practice, especially your draws, as your wardrobe changes from day to day and season to season. In her house, she has dots “all over the place” that she uses as targets for dry practice, and she has “shot up” just about every piece of china in her home. She also makes it a point to practice situational awareness every day. When she comes home, she is never talking on the phone as she exits the car; she is looking around, war-gaming what she would do, what she would use for cover, etc., if there was a problem.

Alfreda Keller is a great example of living life to its fullest; she is a gun rights activist who does good in many areas, and has fun doing it. We thank her for making the trip and sharing her experiences with us.

**GunNews Report**

John Naese reported that some people have responded to his request for “local origination” stories and columns, and have submitted articles, some of which will appear in this issue. He urged everyone to consider sharing their experiences with the GunNews audience. Classes or events you’ve been to, shooting disciplines you love, interactions you’ve had on the gun rights front - all of these would be interesting to our readers. Don’t worry if you’re not a “good writer”. Write it down and let The Editor make it look and sound good.

**Door Prizes and Giveaways**

After a number of door prizes were given away, winners were drawn for the gun case safe, the crossbow, and the Great Guns. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and congratulations to the winners.
**Guns Save Life Board of Directors Minutes**

GSL, Inc. Board Meeting  
Tuesday November 25, 2014  
Liberty Commons Mtg. Center  
1776 Independence Ave  
Urbana, IL 61801

Attendees: Eric St. Pierre, President; John Boch, Immediate Past President; Adrienne Logue, Vice-President; Larry Shurbet, Treasurer; Tammy Williams, Secretary; Dave Pike, Dean Rothermel, Director; Troy Hinds, Speaker Coordinator; Roger Dorsett, Director; John Naese, GunNews Editor; Mindy Gardner, Director; Steve Stanley, George Irick Jr., Director; Bob Holland, Pete Wheeler, Director; John Gahm, Coordinator  
Pontiac; Mary Jones.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.  
Motion made by Adrienne Logue to approve the minutes as printed in the GunNews.  
George Irick, Jr seconded with amendments, motion passed unanimously.

**AFTER MEETING REPORTS:**  
Peoria Meeting: George Irick Jr reported that the meeting went well, still attendance is low in that area. Meeting place is ok, maybe think about new location.

Pontiac Meeting: John Gahm reported that the Pontiac meeting went well; good turn out as usual. John Gahm asking for help in several areas. Troy Hinds will get speakers for John and Larry and Bear will work on finding an FFL.

Champaign Meeting: The meeting went well; Cole Thompson with crossbow presentation did well. However, we need to tweak the speaker setup. Special thanks to the Doug Logue Family for the donation of an American Flag for the meetings. Tammy will get a pole and stand to be left at Fluid Events for the meetings.

Liquor issues: John Boch reported that Pat Kelly of the Champaign Police Department was at the meeting and stated that due to the type of liquor license that Fluid Events has that we cannot serve liquor and have guns in the same location.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Eric went to the Effingham meeting, he enjoyed the meeting. There was about 40 members with 5 or 6 new people there and he thought it was fairly easy to find. Kent Metzger did a very good job leading the meeting. No one claims the position of the coordinator. Lyle Kruger; the president of the Effingham County Sportsmen’s Club, where the meeting is held, says that the location has plenty of room for growth.

Eric would like to make a new policy that one person would only be allowed to have one role in the organization, to limit overwhelming any one person.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Food: Because of Piatto’s limited choice of entree, GSL will continue adding to the selection of caterers for more variety.

Rantoul Press is still saying that we are meeting at the KC Club, Adrienne will call to correct it.

TREASURER’S REPORT: NRA membership is up and we need to renew. We will renew as CCRA and as we get our name changed will change it with NRA then. Motion made by John Boch to renew the membership with Pete Wheeler seconded. Motion to renew membership passed unanimously.

We need to order “No Guns” cards. The cost is $1500, but their value is priceless as our members use them to encourage business owners and managers to take down “NO GUNS” signage.

We are losing money on the Israeli battle dressings as of right now. We are $406 down, however we still have some in stock and use some of the bandages for demonstrations. We need some type of inventory system.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Troy Hinds, Speaker Coordinator, gave us a line-up for upcoming meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: Executive Secretary position. Two people applied for the position. Eric recommendation is to put Tammy Williams into the position. Tammy stepped out while the vote was taken and it was unanimous, with Tammy abstaining (as she was not present). Tammy will resign from the corporate secretary position before starting in her role as Executive Secretary.

Executive Director Position would be for 20 hours a week for $20,000 a year, with two weeks’ vacation. The Executive Board met and settled on the requirements, duties and qualifications for the Executive Director position. Would like post the position for December and by hired by the January 1st. Adrienne Logue made a motion to move forward with the hiring process for the Executive Director. Mindy Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed. George Irick, Jr, John Boch, Roger Dorsett, and Dean Rothermel abstaining.

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### Illinois Concealed Carry

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**January 24th, 2015**

**NRA Basic Pistol Course**  
(Part 1 of Illinois Conceal and Carry)

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(Part 2 of Illinois Conceal and Carry)

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No report was available from the December Sangamon County Meeting at press time. We encourage you to attend the January Meeting. Springfield is ground zero for legislation affecting your gun ownership rights, good and bad; and the Sangamon County meeting will put you right in the heart of things.

**Product Review**

**Swage Gage**

by Doug Morton

One of the challenges with reloading brass collected at the range is to know when a case should be tossed. Inspecting each piece of brass is mandatory. Cracks in the neck or in the webbing above the base are the usual culprits. However, brass can also fail because of an enlarged primer pocket. Some manufacturers are notorious for brass that develops loose primer pockets after only 1 or 2 reloads. Also, if you happen to pick up a piece of once shot military brass, you may need to remove the primer crimp.

Ballistics Tools (www.ballisticstools.com) makes a tool that can help with primer pocket issues: the Swage Gage. For about $12, this tool gives you a go/no go assessment of your primer pockets.

The “go” end of the tool tells you if there is a military crimp (or if you have not sufficiently removed the crimp), as well as evaluating the depth of the primer pocket. If this end fits in the primer pocket - there is no crimp and a primer will fit.

The “no go” end of the tool tells you if your primer pocket is too large. If this end fits in the primer pocket, then the primer pocket is too loose and you should toss the brass.

With this tool, there is no more wasting primers or interrupting the reloading process to deal with a loose primer pocket. If you swage military brass, this tool can tell you if you are over or under swaging.

The Swage Gage comes in 2 sizes, for small and large primer pockets.

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**GSL BOD Meeting Notes**

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CCRA – GSL we have the forms to fill out to change our name from Champaign County Rifle Association to Guns Save Life, Inc. The fee total will be $30.00. Proceed with the paperwork. We’ll need to set up a new account with the CMP.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bylaws - address needs to be changed to 601 N. Country Fair Drive Champaign, IL 61820. Post changes in GunNews.

Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS) provided the ammo for the Women in the Outdoors program. John Boch made a motion to reimburse CIPS with $500 for the 5000 rounds of 22LR ammo. Adrienne Logue seconded motion passed unanimously.

John Gahm mentioned that at the next board meeting we need to start setting up the buses for IGOLD. Send Bear memo for the December meeting. Buses were confusing last year. Pontiac’s bus was not advertised and did not have many people on it.

Eric is making up a grant form for organizations to request monies. He will be sending out the form for review. Need to discuss at the next meeting.

Dean Rothermel made a motion adjourn at 8:55. Pete Wheeler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Joe DeBergalis is also:
- A Longtime Member of Guns Save Life
- An Avid Reader of GunNews
- Vice President, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association

What Joe has to say about GunNews: “I read each edition every month to keep abreast of everything that is going on in the great state of Illinois with regards to our God-given rights.”

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I've been an instructor for sixteen years now and I still remember the very first class I taught in Springfield, IL along with John Naese and a third brand-new instructor. It was exciting, but not so much in a good way.

A lot has changed in that time and I've learned much and seen a lot over the years.

Back then, the NRA's then-Personal Protection course materials were barely adequate, to be quite charitable. Today's NRA Personal Protection in the Home course materials are vastly better, as are the supporting instructional materials.

However, one newer group did it right the first time.

The United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) is more than an organization for those who pack heat every day. They offer "insurance" packages, online training for members and a fabulous bi-monthly Concealed Carry Magazine. The USCCA also has its own nationally-recognized USCCA Certified Instructor program.

The people who put the USCCA training program together did a nice job formulating their courses chock full of relevant information and tactics. They also worked with some talented graphic design people to develop some visually appealing and top-notch written material. The instructional aids and student materials are very well done and are filled with good information.

The Instructor Toolkit

The USCCA has an affiliate instructor program you can buy into with their Instructor Toolkit. It's $277 and contains ten copies of Concealed Carry and Home Defense Fundamentals by Michael Martin (outstanding and then some), ten copies of a recent issue of Concealed Carry Magazine (very good), a USCCA Instructor polo and cap, along with a poster, and a pretty decent power point presentation - and I'm not a fan of power points.

Frankly, I wish the NRA had equipped me so well when I was first starting out as an instructor.

You will learn some new techniques and new information to share with your charges. You'll be a better instructor. Here's one added bonus: As an affiliate instructor, you can order the USCCA magazine as a supplemental or bonus item to stuff into your course packets for a little over a buck a copy. If you really want to provide a premium to students (or perhaps as door prizes), affiliate instructors can also order the Concealed Carry and Home Defense Fundamentals book for about $15 a copy. Or you can sell them and make a few extra bucks.

Speaking of making a few bucks, the USCCA has a referral program where you get some money back for folks who subscribe to the magazine or sign up for insurance packages based upon your referral. Those insurance packages run from $147 to $347 per year, depending on coverage levels.

Fair disclosure: The USCCA sent me a Toolkit to evaluate and signed me up as an affiliate instructor so I could order the magazines for students in my IL concealed carry classes. I was ready to buy it anyway based upon the recommendation of a USCCA Instructor who was at our Instructor Development course earlier this year. I have since bought a subscription of my own to Concealed Carry Magazine.

If you are an instructor - new or experienced - and you're looking to improve the overall product you provide to your students, the USCCA affiliate instructor program will give you some great tools to accomplish that goal.

After all, equipping people with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to defend innocent life using guns is why you're teaching, isn't it not?
John Boch was in attendance and he presented the gun rights updates of interest as well as other news of note. John also answered some questions that the meeting attendees had.

Tom Huffington and Matt Graden were the meeting’s main speakers. These gentlemen are familiar to GSL having previously been to the Champaign meeting. Tom and Matt founded a small local nonprofit called HOOAH—Healing Outside Of A Hospital. The group seeks to assist wounded veterans by thanking them with an all-expense paid deer hunting trip to central Illinois as well as other outdoor activities.

Tom and Matt discussed their programs and also showed a collection of pictures from the outings. Generous donations make it possible to outfit the hunters and treat them to a week of hunting and fellowship. New friendships are formed and the common bonds forged by shared sacrifice are formed. Soldiers have provided testimonials about how the experience has healed troubled marriages or how they have emerged from the darkness of contemplated suicide. Those in attendance showed their appreciation for the vets and those that help them by graciously donating $516 as the hat was passed at the conclusion of the inspiring presentation.

Paul Burton spoke about the local Woodford County 4H shooting sports program. The program provides opportunities for area youth to learn safety and responsibility while having fun shooting rifles and shotguns. Students learn discipline and understanding that they are responsible for safety while shooting. There are numerous 4H shooting programs in the area that are successful due to the hard work and time that is donated by numerous volunteer instructors.

Steven Pitts of Delavan showed off a couple of signs he recently purchased. Just in time for the Christmas season, these signs let people know that carry is encouraged. Check out myparkingsign.com.

Drawings were held for door prizes and then the main drawing was held. Bob Woodcock won the Marlin XT-17V. Bob is a longtime supporter of GSL and has actively participated in sign projects, paper distribution, and IGOLD.

There will be no Peoria meeting in January 2015. The next Peoria meeting is Thursday, February 5, 2015. Joe Morelock of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be on hand to talk about great opportunities to utilize the outdoors in Illinois and he’ll also discuss mindset issues when it comes to concealed carry and self-defense. You aren’t going to want to miss this meeting!

Special notes:

NO MEETING IN JANUARY!
The first Thursday in January falls on New Year’s Day. We’ve cancelled the meeting and will meet on the first Thursday in February.

February’s main speaker

IDNR’s Deputy Chief Joe Morelock

Joe Morelock, the deputy chief of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Police will be on hand to talk about great opportunities to utilize the outdoors in Illinois and he’ll also discuss mindset issues when it comes to concealed carry and self-defense. You aren’t going to want to miss this meeting!
Thug thought bar was easy mark...  thug thought wrong.

Off-duty cop ends robber’s career

Chicago (Sun-Times) - An off-duty Chicago Police sergeant fatally shot a man Sunday evening after he watched that man shoot another man in a Southwest Side bar.

The sergeant saw the 45-year-old man shoot the man about 6:30 p.m. in the Blackthorn Pub, 3300 W. 111th St. in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood, authorities said. Officers could be seen investigating inside the bar.

The sergeant pulled out his gun, identified himself as a police officer and ordered the shooter to drop his weapon, police said.

The man ignored the sergeant and instead pointed his weapon at people in the bar and at the sergeant, authorities said. The sergeant then opened fire.

Thomas McGinty of the 10300 block of South St. Louis was pronounced dead at the scene at 6:49 p.m., the medical examiner’s office said. An autopsy Monday found he died of multiple gunshot wounds and ruled his death a homicide.

Police said the gunman’s weapon was recovered.
The Effingham War Memorial, on the old Courthouse Square in Effingham, IL, has the names of 5000 area citizens who served our country. Attendees at the GSL South meeting in December got to hear from two of the key men who helped make this a reality. See the story on page 5. You never know what you might learn, or who you might meet, at a GSL meeting. Come on out; you’ll be among friends.

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and we lined up to practice drawing and shooting tactics against opponents who shoot back, especially as a civilian. Black Flag Firearms Training and Spartan Security Services have worked hard to bring just such good training to civilians in a force-on-force defensive tactics workshop.

Rocco Wlodarek and “Dino” Golas were the lead instructors at the November 15th event at Fear City in Morton Grove, a 40,000 square foot professionally designed and created haunted house where there were two simultaneous courses taking place.

I was in Force on Force I, along with a couple of close (instructor) friends, Jim Sharp of Sharp Defense and Peter Wheeler, a fellow GSL Defense Training instructor. Participants in our group ranged from newbie concealed carry licensees to one of the early instructors, to seasoned instructor crew.

Training started off with introductions of the staff and the rules for the day. Real firearms were verboten in the facility, along with knives. We covered all of the standard stuff, including medical and safety information, and a rough outline of what the day had in store. The “Rules of Engagement” for using the training guns was just like in the real world: guns must be concealed unless you have legal justification to draw them. Any shooting must be justifiable under Illinois law.

After the preliminaries, Rocco Wlodarek - I asked him how one pronounces his last name and he replied, “you don’t!” - gave an hour-long lecture on the survival mindset similar to the lecture I’ve given countless times in our GSL Defense Training courses. I plan on stealing some of Rocco’s information to bring to my future classes.

Mr. Unpronounceable’s excellent lecture was graphic at times, invoking powerful emotions and kept nearly thirty participants fully involved and then some. Rocco noted that while Chicago PD solves roughly a quarter of homicides, its armed robbery clearance rate is almost nil. “It happens fast,” he noted. “It’s quick and brutal.”

He also touched on home invasions and how they are different from day-time burglaries where bad guys break in when residents are at work or school. Home invaders go in prepared to deal with occupants. Invaders may make their initial attacks either alone or in a group. Invaders may make their initial arrests while Chicago PD solves roughly a quarter of all crimes.

The instructors then role-played as bad-guys with knives “asking” for money or valuables - the classic street robbery.

Pete Wheeler was alongside me and we both used communication and movement to thwart the robber/instructor guys as they approached, without even needing to draw our guns. We even engaged the bad guys as they started to “rob” the next person down. “Hey you, with the knife, get back from her!”

Room clearing and “slicing the pie” tactics were demonstrated for the students and then we were taken into the haunted house to implement what we discussed. The potential pain penalty for screwing up was always on your mind. There were also plenty of adrenaline rushes.

From there, we went full-dark, relying solely on tactical lights to practice room-clearing. I was comfortable clearing rooms in low-light if I didn’t have to rush, but even as a well-trained civilian, I felt almost totally lost and inexperienced. If a bad-guy is lying in wait for you in a small, pitch-black room, you’ll probably find yourself with four rounds to the side of your chest just after reaching full extension of your weapon.

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We all got an opportunity to play both sides of the each exercise and I slaughtered the poor guy trying to clear in the dark, but between him getting hit up double- and triple-taps as he progressed through the hallway to the room, he managed to hit me in the thigh, one of about four times I got shot all day.

Rocco and crew threw in some hostage drills and we were forced to rout the hostage taker(s) from rooms without killing the hostages. Invaders may make their initial attacks either alone or in a group. Invaders may make their initial arrests.

After lunch, we completed additional drills and then “Force I” folks were sent into the haunted house to act as “bad people” for the dozen or fifteen cops of “Force II” to clear us out as part of a terrorist take-over or active shooter scenario. Given the fact there were no uniforms or anything - and neither group offered to go “skins” - there were many blue-on-blue fatalities on both sides. Keep that in mind if you find yourself in a public active shooter incident and decide to intervene.

The degree of skill with which the cops cleared the structure was impressive. They generally worked well in teams. It was almost a turkey shoot for them.

I was treated to the lesson that even a skilled shooter is quickly over-matched by a couple of teams of two or three cops working well together, especially if they are coming from different directions. Yeah, I got shot dead.

The day concluded with some role-playing scenarios, including a car-jacking and a restaurant robbery. There wasn’t really any instruction on how to handle these, but the restaurant robbery was a no-brainer. The robber didn’t know who was armed and when it was my turn to be the CCWer, the robber picked the guy next to me to rob. He found himself with four rounds to the side of his chest just after reaching full extension of his hand. Another restaurant scenario had a “robber” who shot back after getting shot by the good guy. At that point, it was like a cop bar - everyone drew and opened up on him. He ran away screaming like a scared little school girl, seeking cover under a hail of stinging airsoft pellets.

I found myself in the carjacking driver’s seat when I had a gun stuck in my ear before I was ready to go. There was no time to draw and we were constricted from “driving away”. I grabbed his gun to twist it out of his grasp and he shot me in the bicep. I continued to fight him and eventually his magazine fell out as we struggled for control (another lesson about what can happen in a struggle for a gun). Eventually I was able to pull back far enough to draw my gun and shoot him, despite his efforts to reach into the car and grab for my gun as I tried to access it (can you say “Officer Darren Wilson?”).

The one-day course markets for about $175 and folks, it’s training money well spent. It’s a fairly new course offering from Rocco and Dino. I’ve known Rocco for four or five years now and he’s impressed me in his unrelenting drive to provide superior training, to selflessly make other instructors better and his willingness to go after incompetent and/or unethical instructors. He impressed me further in person. In other words: If I know Rocco, the class will get better, guaranteed. For more information, visit his website at blackflagtraining.com.

Rocco mentioned plans to bring the Force on Force course back to Fear City on Saturday, February 21, 2015. If you’re wondering, the arena is fully heated and you’re fed well (subs and pizza). Bring an open mind and a willingness to learn and you’ll walk away with some of the best niche training that’s available to a civilian.

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Winterseed in the Fall

Project Appleseed does shoots all year round, to teach Americans the art of the rifle, and their Heritage as Riflemen.

Appleseeds held during the dead of winter are sometimes called Winterseeds. Illinois held an impromptu Winterseed on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous hosting of the Effingham County Sportsmen’s Club.

A small but dedicated group braved the snow and cold temperatures, foregoing the Black Friday sales for something ultimately much more important.

Participants alternated between sessions in the snow and at the target line, and instruction and heritage stories in the clubhouse.

Spirits were high and much improvement was noted from Friday to Saturday.

Congratulations to those aspiring Riflemen and thanks to the Appleseed instructors who traveled long distances and donated their time to be sure that the tradition, started on April 19, 1775, does not die out in our generation.

These two photos show the dedication of both the students and the instructors, who get “down in the dirt” (or snow!) to make corrections and turn Cooks into Riflemen.

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We will also teach you fundamentals of how to fight with your personal defense handgun, a discussion of interactions with potential assailants, the moral and ethical considerations to decision-making involved in using deadly force, and post-shooting interventions with witnesses, responding police officers, investigating officers, media and others. We’ll also cover the Illinois State Police-required aspects of the new Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

Students will spend several hours on the range with live-fire both days and will fire 250 rounds, including the Illinois qualification shoot. Less experienced shooters are welcomed & encouraged.

Tuition: $225 per person when you take advantage of our buy one, get one half-price sale. $300 for a single registration, buy one, get one half price for the second. Registration includes lunch, drinks, range fees, safety equipment (as needed), and the NRA required student packet of materials. AZ, FL non-resident permit-to-carry applications are also included, along with a long list of bonus materials. Loaner guns and gear offered at no additional charge. Ammo (9mm, .38 Special, .22LR and others) typically available at all class locations.

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Welcome our newest instructors!

Doug Morton: Doug Morton started life as an electrical engineer working for HP, designing spectrum analyzers. He grew tired of that so he went to medical school and to earn a PhD in neurobiology. From there, it was radiology residency and a neuroradiology fellowship, with a goal of becoming an academic physician. He grew disillusioned with academia and began practicing more traditional medicine. He’s not afraid of a hammer either, as he’s remodeled two houses. He sings tenor in the church choir and his double chocolate chip cookie recipe won second place in a baking contest. He excels at everything he does and this includes firearms skills and training. He’s an NRA-certified pistol and personal protection in the home instructor (ISP-approved) and married to the wonderful Lois for 27 years. She’s helping us out as one of our support staff members, as well.

Jeremiah Pitcher: Jeremiah enjoyed (endured?) ten years of vocal training and was a distinguished second baritone in his early life. Then he joined the US Army. Today he enjoys IDPA and 3-gun competitions and has been shooting since he was old enough to hold a gun. He’s only recently begun taking training that isn’t sponsored by Uncle Sam. He’s married the he and Sondra are expecting their second child. He’s an NRA-certified Basic Pistol instructor and ISP-approved IL CCW instructor.

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Crime sprees don’t last long in Wyoming
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Mom shoots intruder - well
Edmonds, OK (Inquisitr) - A mom in Edmonds shoots an intruder while her husband and children were sleeping. ...the incident occurred at the family’s Edmonds, Washington, home at 3:15 a.m. on Thursday. A man decided to try and break into the house, but he did not get very far. Despite trying to push his way past the woman, she had a gun — and she was not afraid to use it. The woman’s husband, and her three kids - ages 14, 10 and 5 - were sleeping while she defended her family and her home. Without thinking twice, the 33-year-old woman shot the intruder in the stomach, stopping him from doing harm or robbing her.

Why’d you shoot him seven times?
Because that’s all the ammo I had!

Illinois bakery owner 7 for 7
Calumet City, IL (GSL) - Bad guys know that most of the time, especially here in Illinois, their intended victims will be helpless to resist.

Some of us aren’t helpless victims though. And the owner of the Calumet City Bakery is no easy mark either.

When two of America’s criminal class rolled into the business and presented a weapon to a clerk, it was terrifying for the employee. Then the two thugs pushed the clerk to the back of the store where they confronted the owner as well. He drew a firearm and shot seven rounds at the robber with the gun, which turned out to be fake. The owner scored 100% hits. The guy holding the fake gun? He was probably wishing he’d chosen a different career path.

According to the local CBS station, there will be no charges against the shop owner and the perforated bad guy will recover. Mr. Freshly Pierced’s associate ran for the hills when the shooting started.

The proven benefits of firearm ownership!
“Down with the Crew” Black Gangster Disciples now minus one disciple, and two more of the crew are in the pokey Pierce County, WA (GSL) - Seattle will have to persevere with one less gang-banging thug after a trio of them pulled a home invasion against the wrong house.

It was the wrong house in more ways than one as the rocket scientists Quiordai Lewis Taylor, 17, Duprea Romon Wilson and Taijon Vorhees forced entry on what they believed was a residence with marijuana and cash. Instead, the house they forced entry into had a housewife in the bathtub and a husband who was a gun-owning Houdini escaping captivity after the thugs tied the couple up.

After the husband escaped his bonds, he and his wife retreated to their bedroom where he armed himself. The thugs brazenly returned and Taijon took a round to the gut and another to the leg.

They hoodlums fled and drove around for a while, giving Taijon a chance to bleed out, whereupon Quiordai, Duprea and two friends dumped Taijon’s lifeless corpse into an apartment parking lot. With friends like those, who needs any enemies, right?

Quiordai and Wilson would have made it away scot free if it hadn’t been for Wilson getting arrested the next morning on unrelated charges and jailers then finding stolen jewelry from the home invasion in his pocket. “I dunno how that got there, I swear to God!” he was rumored to have said.

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Ferguson & Unequal Treatment:
Life isn’t fair. Get over it. Better yet, overcome it.

By Marsha Mohr
Tonight I heard Michael Brown’s mother say that cop left the house that morning looking for someone to kill. My first reaction was “lady you’re nuts.” But then I thought for a moment, and maybe that’s what she actually believes.

You see, in some neighborhoods people don’t carry guns for self-defense, or to defend others, or even to keep the peace. They carry guns to wreak havoc and kill others. That’s why the leading cause of death of black men ages 18-24 is homicide. In the neighborhood and culture the Brown family sees every day, those with guns are the enemy, the ones who do intend to kill today. While these areas and this attitude are very isolated, to those who live there, this is their reality, the only frame of reference they have. A police officer with a gun is just a sanctioned killer.

To those of us not in those neighborhoods, a gun is simply a tool. The police use them to keep the peace and we use them for self-defense, hunting and sport. Used correctly shooting a gun is safer than playing basketball, or football, or soccer. We don’t leave your friends die, shot in their youth, you have no expectation of living beyond 24 either. That means you take risks, and you don’t value life, yours or other peoples. This is where community leaders need to change their messages. They keep showing up telling people they are mistreated and treated unfairly. Guess what? Life isn’t fair. Get over it. Better yet, overcome it.

That leads me to the third point. Stop teaching self-esteem. Self-esteem is simply thinking highly of yourself, whether it’s warranted or not. Start teaching how to achieve things. With achievement and earning comes pride, and self-respect. And with self-respect comes respect for others, and then for life. And when we get to that point, we can all see things from similar perspectives.

CAUTION
Bad guys and gun safes
by John Boch
We’re going to hear more in coming months about the violent Mexican drug cartels coming to America. “It’s on the border now and it’s spreading into Texas and across the nation,” Sheriff A.J. Louderback of Jackson County, Texas told the media December 10th. “They’re coming.”

The Sinaloa Cartel’s “enforcers”, the MS-13 street gang, are arguably the most violent, ruthless group out there.

I’ve learned from people I trust that MS-13 members are coming to Chicago in large numbers, intent to assist the cartel in making Chicago a new national hub for their operations.

Why should you care?
The MS-13 boys love guns and valuables and when they aren’t breaking arms and legs (and decapitating people) for the cartel, they like to earn some extra money.

They seem to have stumbled upon a new and profitable way to make quick money: residential security containers. Otherwise known as “gun safes”.

More and more folks have gun safes in their homes. In those safes is typically most of the big-dollar, high-demand items homes in- vaders love: cash, jewelry, guns and other goodies.

The MS-13ers aren’t interested in burglarizing your house and forcing their way into your safe. That takes too much time and is noisy. It’s a lot easier for them to stand around while you open it.

“I won’t ever do that!” you say?
That’s okay. They’ll put your wife or kid at gunpoint and start amputating fingers or other appendages. These MS-13 guys are pretty hard-core with a propensity for violence. You will open the safe.

If you’re lucky they won’t kill you afterwards.

How do you counter this? Be aware of your surroundings when you’re at home. If you don’t already carry a firearm on your person while at home, consider doing so or strategically placing them in the house for emergencies.

Pre-plan with your family what to do in case of a home invasion, just as you do with planning for a fire or tornado. Have a plan. Practice it.

Also, be careful about who you let into your home and what they see.

And most of all, stay safe.

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The Police

by Frank Sharpe

In our world there is a drive to see things either one way or the opposite way. Issues are presented only as left/right, up/down, or black/white. We’re inundated with pressure to choose a side and then defend that side no matter how ridiculous the argument becomes. However, when we are honest about most subjects we see that there are levels and gray areas and unknowns. It’s true of politics, race relations, relationships, religion, and anything else that involves human emotions over scientific method. When people have an emotional stake in something the truth often suffers. As I write this, truth is suffering due to the emotional reaction of many to the Brown and Garner grand jury decisions. My intent is to offer a few different essays on various components of these events, and today I offer my thoughts on American policing.

As a generalization, when given power to do so, there is nothing government can’t mess up. Usually it amounts to obscene wastes of tax money, but on occasion it steals people’s lives. If we look at government on a world-wide scale, it has outright murdered close to 200-million people in the last 115-years.

History, coupled with the basic American birthright of revolting against anyone who treads on you, means that we always have and always should consider anything labeled government as an adversary and a threat to liberty. President, Congressman, State Senator, mayor, code enforcer, school board member or dog-catcher matters not. All occupy a place of power and exist on the public dime, and because of that they simply can’t be trusted. It’s nothing personal; it’s just the nature of the relationship. And why is that? Because we (private citizens) are the employers of these public servants – but unlike the company hired to drywall your basement, these public servants have men and women with guns backing up all of their bright ideas. Those government enforcers are Police.

Police are supposed to have a specific job – in short, that job should be to respond to breaches of the peace and restore said peace. They accomplish peace restoration through verbal and physical contact with the public. Sometimes it involves warnings, sometimes citations, and sometimes arrests. Arrests are usually non-events, but can include many levels of force up to and including lethal force. Sworn Peace officers are unlike any other citizens in that they have the right to suspend a citizen’s rights. Under the correct circumstances police officers may detain, arrest, and even kill a citizen. They literally carry the power to deny a person their right to life, limb, liberty and property – heavy stuff that carries major responsibility.

With such an immense responsibility comes a natural public distrust focused on the actions police engage in. This is healthy. It’s a check and balance that needs to be there. Why? Well, aside from simply being public servants, police recruit from the human race and suffer the same mental, physical, legal, moral, spiritual, and ethical dilemmas we all do. Police are human. They can and do make mistakes, and on occasion even act in a criminal manner – again, while wielding arrest powers. That means they are capable of serious damage to citizens should they choose to operate outside the law or be used as enforcers for corrupt politicians and unconstitutional laws.

It’s important to remember that the vast majority of police officers actually do a pretty good job in spite of having to deal with people living to them daily. Add in the political motivations of their superiors, the odd hours, high stress calls, and cleaning the vomit and feces out of the back of the patrol car and even officers with the best of intentions can become jaded.

Being a police officer is not something I would want any part of; it’s a thankless job that has little glamour and far too much paperwork. They need to be handbooking introductions, and that needs to happen from both sides. In fact, I would suggest that all of you reading this make a point in the next few weeks of inviting a police officer for a cup of coffee, and instead of telling them your problems ask them if there’s anything you can do to make their job easier. Stop in and make an appointment with your sheriff or chief – not to complain, but to ask them if there is anything they need from you or the public. Just show them some support and that you’re on the same side. How often do you think the public ever offers its support and understanding? Imagine how that kind of relationship building will affect your community.

3- Officers need to step up and not tolerate bad cops in their ranks. Yes, one risks being skipped over for promotion and becoming the “black sheep” of a department, but the reality is that if you look the other way when a fellow officer violates the rights of a citizen, you’re complicit. If allowing bad police to continue being bad police is part of your job description, then a good person is left with no choice but to consider other employment.

4- All of us need to become well acquainted with use of force statutes and legal concepts such as Disparity of Force. Familiar to the point we can articulate them to others who don’t understand what they are seeing on a video or why an officer or armed citizen took the course of action that they did.

5- Police leadership needs to do exactly that – LEAD. Playing politics with the rights of citizens and the lives of officers, having “CYA” as a priority, and allowing others do their dirty work and take the fall, is not the work of noble and honorable people. As the old saying goes, it all rolls down from the top.

6- Police need to stop being used as revenue sources for states, counties and municipalities. Asset-forfeiture-seizure laws are a travesty, and in many cases have been used for outright legalized theft. Nothing destroys the public trust more than knowing an officer can steal cash, cars, or homes without arrest or due process.

These suggestions are just a short list. I’m not counting on most of these happening anytime soon, but numbers 2 and 4 are something (both officers and the public) can take upon themselves tomorrow.

The last thing I’d like to address is police arrest powers and how they need to be understood by citizens.

When an officer says the words, “You’re under arrest,” understand that one way or the other, you’re going to be arrested. There is no talking your way out of it, and there is no physical way to stop it and go off to live in peace. You can either comply, or they will get physical. It might involve you eating pavement, or it may involve a compliance device or even a gun. But when you resist – and that can be as simple as locking your door, any police officer can assume is that you will continue to escalate your resistance and that they need to over-power you immediately before you gain advantage. During an arrest officers are not interested in your politics, race, income, GPA, or who you or your parents know. Their only interest is getting you to lock-up without getting themselves injured or killed – that means they will use whatever power is required. Understand, every officer knows how quickly their lives can end.

If arrest powers are up for debate at the time of an arrest the entire purpose for having police is moot. An unlawful arrest is something to be fought at a later date in court, not on the sidewalk. Fighting it there will ensure that the arrest power is understood. Even if this thing I’d personally be willing to shoot someone over? That’s my litmus test for all law, codes, and statutes that will be enforced by people with guns. Using that as a guide I can honestly say that there is little I’m willing to shoot someone over. Seat belt usage, the length of someone’s grass, and selling untaxed cigarettes are a few I don’t consider trigger worthy. Maybe your opinion differs – but here are the facts of life: The more laws there are, the more interaction with law enforcement there will be. And the more attempts at arrest that is made, the more opportunities there are for injury or death.

The laws we support had better be worth that price.

“Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.”

—George Bernard Shaw
Moms Demand Action boycott stocks at record high despite Third quarter profits up 21%, companies who folded to Moms Demand Action’s demands, including Starbucks, might soon reconsider their decisions. Target, Chipotle and others are up 21% (!) in the third quarter and the company’s stock is at an all-time high.

(SmartBrief.com) – Kroger posted a 21% jump in profits during the third quarter with $25 billion in total sales and double-digit unit and sales growth for the chain’s Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic private-label brands, said COO Mike Ellis. The company marks its 44th consecutive quarter with positive identical store sales, which were up 5.6% for the period.

What did Kroger do to inspire the soft-boycott from Moms Demand Action and its head, Shannon Watts aka Shannon Troughton, President and owner of of VoxPop Public Relations, a boutique liberal PR firm? Moms Demand Action demanded Kroger ban guns in their stores. Kroger told Shannon and crew to pound sand. So the Moms spent big dollars to attack Kroger in a series of (not so slick) advertisements as part of a campaign to urge people to boycott Kroger until they ban guns.

With results like this, we imagine the other companies who folded to Moms Demand Action’s demands, including Starbucks, Target, Chipotle and others might soon reconsider their decisions.

BUSTED! Cops bust fake SEAL
(GunsSaveLife.com) - With some courts striking down “Stolen Valor” arrests, law enforcement in Texas came up with a different manner in which to bust a non-hacker pretending to be a US Navy SEAL. How did they do it? They gave him some rope and let him fashion himself a noose, of course.

It all went south for Carlos Felipe Luna-Gonzalez, 29, when he accepted a free rifle worth $2300 in appreciation for his service as a SEAL. Upon telling the owner his fabricated tale of SEAL service while wearing his ill-gotten SEAL uniform, he signed off on the federal forms to accept the gun. At that point, cops swooped in and arrested him for theft.

They stripped him of the uniform he never earned the right to wear and put him in jail duds before parading him out of the store for the media.

LIKE A BOSS: Austin, TX cop makes heart shot at 312’
Austin, TX (Guns Save Life) - How many of you practice shooting your pistol out to 100 yards or more?

Austin, Texas police mounted cop Sergeant Adam Johnson does and he can, even when under the incredible stress of firing at a man trying to kill innocent people – while holding onto his horse. In the dark. One-handed.

Johnson took down a lunatic would-be spree killer from 312 feet with his .40 S&W caliber pistol as the bad guy was shooting at Sgt. Johnson’s fellow officers. Oh yeah, it was in the dark and Johnson was holding the reins of not one, but two police horses as he fired, striking the bad guy in the heart.

Johnson says his fellow officers who were advancing on the would-be spree killer (we’re not using his name because he deserves zero notoriety from his evil acts) are the ones deserving praise for bravery and courage under fire. Johnson also believed there was a little divine intervention in the shot as well.

Armed Americans tame rioters and looting in St. Louis
St. Louis (Guns Save Life) - We wrote on our website that if government “authorities” didn’t get a handle on the looting and rioting in St. Louis, law-abiding gun owners would step up and take care of it. We received some criticism for “chest thumping”, even from gun owners.

Well, guess what? Everyday armed Americans of all races showed up in Ferguson and surrounding communities to volunteer to safeguard businesses from rioters, looters and arsonists. America’s gun owners came with their police patrol-type rifles, extra magazines and a willingness to do the right thing in the face of America’s criminal class running wild.

And business owners welcomed them with hugs.

If a couple of dozen gun owner volunteers can tame rioters in the Ferguson area, why couldn’t a thousand or more police officers?

We think we know: The cops were on orders from Democrat politicians – from Barack Hussein Obama down to the local St. Louis Mayor Frank Slay to not use force against America’s criminal class out causing mayhem.
The December Pontiac meeting of Guns Save Life was held on Tuesday, December 2 at the Pontiac VFW.

The meeting was well attended.

First up was Pontiac coordinator John Gahm, who led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then had first time visitors introduce themselves. Eight new attendees came out that night. We hope to see all of you again!

Mr. Gahm gave an update of current news and notes from the GSL President. Wendy Boch, spouse of GSL Immediate Past President John Boch, stood ably and gave John’s political report.

Larry Shurbet, GSL Treasurer, was there to give a financial update and answer questions.

Main speaker for the evening was Tom Kilhoffer, talking about shooting revolvers quickly and efficiently using moon clips. His company, TK Custom, can precision machine your revolver’s cylinder to accept moon clips, which make reloads almost effortless. They can also do pistol action jobs to make the machinery smoother and you quicker. The website for his business (amazingly enough) is tkcustom.com.

Although our reporter didn’t catch the name of the giveaway winner, the “gun giveaway” for December at Pontiac was actually 2000 rounds of .22 long rifle ammunition. With the current availability (or lack thereof) of this caliber of ammunition, demand for these drawing tickets was just as strong as if we were giving away a gun. We’ll publish the winner’s name next month.

The ammo was donated for this drawing by Brian Pflibsen of Streator at South Post Guns. Brian has been a steady supporter of GSL Pontiac since its inception, often providing gun cases and other door prizes, as well as the 2000 rounds. A big thank you to Brian for your generous and unwavering support.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6. We hope to see you then!

Guns Save Life’s LIFE MEMBERSHIP!

Guns Save Life is proud of our new “Life Membership” for those who wish to show an exemplary level of support towards Guns Save Life and our mission defending your right to defend yourself.

The new “Life Membership” is available for $1000, and for those aged 65 and over, it’s available at half-price, $500.

To sign up for this new Life Membership option, fill out the form on the back page of this issue of GunNews and send it in today and you too will be part of an elite group of freedom’s defenders!
Cold Weather Shooting

by Frank Melloni
(GunNews.com) - Being a shooter in the Northeast presents its challenges. As if the political climate isn’t tough enough, the environmental climate is equally brutal. Serious shooters up here (and in similar climates) need to condition themselves to shoot year-round, because somewhere in Florida, there will be someone nipping at your heels, training in a t-shirt. Doing so isn’t easy, but with the following tips, it can be tolerable or even downright enjoyable.

Solution #1 to Cold Weather Shooting: Indoor Ranges.

Indoor Ranges.

Article over, right? Not exactly. Indoor ranges provide a solution to only some types of shooting. However, with some innovative thinking, we can overcome the restrictions they carry and get a more productive training session.

For starters, let’s make sure that the range is safe. Shooting inside provides a more serious lead concern. Make sure the ventilation system is working properly and is powered on. If you take a shot and the smoke lingers, I suggest you leave and find an alternative range.

Be sure of range regulations and your ammo. Many indoor ranges have limitations on ammo, calibers, firearms or any combination of all of these. Ensure that your ammo does NOT contain a steel core if there is a steel backstop. A magnet will tell the story, but if you have any doubts, don’t chance it and save that ammo for the spring. For those of us new to it, military surplus ammo quite often has this steel core.

Eye protection is an absolute must. As with all shooting, you must always wear eye protection. For indoor ranges it is almost a certainty that you will get hit with a fragment at some point. The cheap eyepro that many people wear may not be up to the task. I recommend ballistic rated eye wear, specifically ESS eye protection. It is rated (and proven) to stop a direct blast from a #4 buckshot round at 10 meters...that’s what I want covering the most important component of my sight picture.

You can’t talk about eyes without mentioning ears. If you have never fired you’re gun indoors before, be prepared for a steep volume increase. Good ear protection is a must. We use Peltor’s tactical sport line of electronic ear muffs. They keep the gunshot volume suppressed, while allowing speech to transmit right through. They are of an audiophile sound quality so you forget that you have them on. This feature also saves your throat when the person you are talking to transmit right through. They are of an electronic earmuff.

The most obvious handicap to shooting indoors is the limited range. Although it does nothing for wind, I simply shrink down a standard target accordingly using the scaling function on any copier.

As a service rifle shooter, I like to reduce my offhand target down to 12.5% and hang it at 25 yards. This gives me the same sight picture as the 200 yard target. With my Tactical Solutions .22 conversion upper, I can practice my standing shooting position all winter long and save a fortune on ammo. If you are limited to standing shooting positions at your local indoor range then take advantage! Don’t pass on shooting because you have to do it in a position you don’t enjoy!

Pistol shooters have it a little easier in the winter with indoor ranges, however there is still the other limiting factor to deal with, mobility. Not being able to run up and down the room if they miss your shooting bench.

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THE TAURUS TURD: Guns & Ammo lauds the new Taurus Curve
by John Boch

The Truth About Gun Reviews: Gun reviews, in almost all publications, are driven by advertising dollars or at the very least, product samples provided by manufacturers seeking positive publicity about their new offerings. The pressure to get positive reviews - for new products in particular - is intense. Here is a little dirty that’s been making the rounds on the Internet for years. The author is unknown.

CQB MK-V Tactical Destroyer Instruction From The Editor To The Journalist Fragile Arms just bought a four page color ad in our next issue. They sent us their latest offering, the CQB MK-V Tactical Destroyer. I told Fred to take it out to the range to test. He’ll have the data for you tomorrow.

Feedback From Technician Fred The pistol is a crude copy of the World War II Japanese Nambu type 14 pistol, except it’s made from unfinished zinc castings. The grips are pressed cardboard. The barrel is un rifled pipe. There are file marks all over the gun, inside and out.

Only 10 rounds of 8mm ammunition were supplied. Based on previous experience with a genuine Nambu, I set up a target two feet down range. I managed to cram four rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. I taped the magazine in place, bolted the pistol into a machine rest, got behind a barricade, and pulled the trigger with 20 feet of 550 cord. I was unable to measure the trigger pull because my fish scale tops out at 32 pounds. On the third try, the pistol fired. From outline of the holes, I think the barrel, frame, magazine, trigger and recoil spring blew through the target. The remaining parts scattered over the landscape. I sent the machine rest back to the factory to see if they can fix it, and we need to replace the shooting bench for the nice people who own the range. I’ll be off for the rest of the day. My ears are still ringing. I need a drink.

Article Produced By The Journalist The CQB MK-V Tactical Destroyer is arguably the deadliest pistol in the world. Based on a combat proven military design, but constructed almost entirely of space age alloy, it features a remarkable barrel design engineered to produce a cone of fire, a feature much valued by Special Forces world wide. The Destroyer shows clear evidence of extensive handfitting. The weapon disassembles rapidly without tools. At a reasonable combat distance, I put five holes in the target faster than I would have thought possible. This is the pistol to have if you want to end a gunfight at all costs. The gun is a keeper, and I find myself unable to send it back.

Remington R51 Earlier in 2014, Remington introduced their new R51 pistol. Several magazines with large advertising contracts with Remington wrote glowing reviews. It was only when others began accurately describing the gun’s (many) shortcomings that word got out: Remington’s new offering was a flea-infested dog. It was so bad that Remington pulled the R51 from their inventory, deleted any mention of it on their website and then they asked purchasers to send in their guns for repair.

Taurus Curve Enter Taurus and their sales pitch for their new “innovative” product, the Taurus Curve: Your body has curves, so why aren’t pistols shaped to match? That’s precisely the question our engineering team challenged themselves to answer-and the results are unlike anything you’ve seen before. Introducing the Taurus Curve™, the world’s first and only curved firearm. Engineered to fit the unique contours of your body with no visible printing, the Curve is easily one of the most groundbreaking firearms ever conceived. An extreme departure from your typical compact .380, you’ll find the Curve takes form and function to an entirely unprecedented level. With its patented, snag-free design, the Curve boasts the industry’s first-ever light and laser built right into the frame. Exceptionally accurate and extremely lightweight at just 10.2 ounces, the Curve is one ultra-comfortable, ultra-reliable personal defense handgun.

This new gun isn’t innovative. Instead, it’s dangerous. It’s a gimmick. It’s got the potential to get you sued or killed.

By all appearances, it seems to be a double action semi-auto. It comes with an integral belt clip and can be stuffed right inside the waistband in the appendix, inside-the-waistband carry mode. That, kids, is dangerous.

Yeah, it does come with a kydex “holster” which covers the trigger assembly. Do you see most people, especially novices, troubleshooting themselves with using it?

We don’t either, especially as Taurus shows folks just slipping it in their pants Mexican-style in their promo shots.

Legal threats against Guns Save Life We posted the article above on our website and Guns & Ammo didn’t like it one bit. We received an email from G&A’s Online Shooting Editor threatening legal action if we didn’t remove the “slanderous” statements and related photos within 24 hours. Instead of pulling down the blog post, we published the editor’s threatening email and enjoyed a massive bump in web traffic. The next day, Intermedia’s VP of Content Development called from New York City to assure GSL that no legal action would be forthcoming. In a goodwill gesture, we took down G&A’s photos and substituted Taurus promotional shots instead.

We also invited Intermedia’s people from their Peoria headquarters to join us at the monthly Peoria Guns Save Life meeting.

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Danville Rifle and Pistol Club, Oakwood, IL. Steel Plate Challenge Match – 3rd Saturday of each month, March through December (weather permitting). Larry Pasquea, 217-443-2050. l.pasquea@drpc-danville.com. Range website is www.drpc-danville.com/


Leroy Rifle and Pistol Club Every Thursday Evening, 4pm to 9pm – 50 bird Trap Derby. Dick Miller, 309-962-8102 rcmillerir2001@vahoo.com

St. Joseph Sportman’s Club Every Wed (5-10p) & Sat. (noon-4) – Trap and skeet shooting, open to the public. stjosephsportmansclub@gmail.com; or Call (217) 496-2762.

Westmont Sportmans Club Every Wednesday: Trapshooting Practice open to the public 6-10pm. Shooting starts 8pm. Kitchen open both nights. Rifle and Pistol Range open to members only during daylight hours. $55.00 single/$75.00 family yearly memberships available, nuthubutdu@yahoo.com / 217-267-2612.

Darnall’s GunWorks and Ranges, Bloomington, IL. Tuesday through Sunday, Trap shooting and indoor pistol range open to the public 9 am until closing. Every Tuesday and Wednesday, NRA First Steps pistol, 6:30 pm. For information about events or to register for a CCW class, call Darnall’s at 309-379-4331, or see www.darnalls.com. Also see their ad in this issue for a list of classes.

Central Illinois Precision Shooting, Bloomington, IL. Jan. 10 – 11 – NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach Certification class for USA Shooting, NRA, and CMP. Joe Miller, 309-826-4000, jcmiller@ilstu.edu.

ISRA Range, Bonfield, IL. Jan. 10 – Winter WARS Rifle Match. Any safe rifle can shoot; to win, rifle must match the historical battle – Chosin Reservoir; Stalingrad; Battle of the Bulge; Afghanistan (modern day). For information about events, see www.isra.org, or call the ISRA office at 815-635-3198.

MEETINGS

Jan. 5 - Sangamon County Rifle Assn. Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. at KC Banquet Hall, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, Springfield, IL. Don Gwinn, 217-502-2452; dongwinn@thebrifingline.com.

Jan. 6 – Pontiac GSL Meeting, VFW, Pontiac, IL. Conversation and Dinner, 6pm; Meeting 7pm. John Gaith, 815-848-1252, jgahm@mcnscsi.com.

NO Peoria GSL Meeting in January

Jan. 10 – Peoria Shooting Sports Association, Stillwater, IL. Meeting 5:30 pm, Peoria VFW Post 26, 2001 New Hope Road, Springfield, IL. Joe Miller, 618-545-0785, email Jennifer@ogshows.com.

Jan. 10-11 – NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach Certification class for USA Shooting, NRA, and CMP. Joe Miller, 309-826-4000, jcmiller@ilstu.edu.


Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 Highland Gun Show, Lindendale Park, Highland, IL. Ron Miller, 618-545-0785, millmanxx@gmail.com.

Other Events of Interest

Jan. 17 - Operation and Maintenance of the AK47, SKS and Mosin Nagant rifles, ISRA classroom, Chatsworth. 9:00-3:30 pm. Price: $30 (ISRA members) $60 (Non-ISRA member).

Jan. 24 - AR15 Maintenance class, Effingham, IL. Price: $30 (ISRA members) $60 (Non-ISRA member).

Jan. 24 - Southern Illinois Regional Event Friends of NRA, Keller Convention Center, Effingham, IL. Lydia Funnehman, 217-544-2323; littlecreek51@yahoo.com.

Jan. 31 – Central Illinois Friends of NRA, 5:30 pm, Litchfield Community Center, Litchfield, IL. Jeff Harbaugh, 217-324-6555; sportsmansoice1@yahoo.com.


March 18: SET ASIDE THE DATE NOW: IGOLD, Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day, 11:30 am, Springfield, IL. Plan now not only to attend, but to bring friends.

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ISRA Winter Wars Matches:
Cold weather shooting

Bonfield, IL (ISRA) The Winter Wars Matches are back again! Our annual High Power rifle romp in the snow at the ISRA Range at Bonfield, IL kicks off at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

“Not a fiercely contested event for finely tuned match rifles, this is an opportunity for the milsurp rifle enthusiast to shake off cabin fever and get back in touch with some of his favorite relic battle rifles, for a little fun and a little frost-bite!” There will be door prizes – no score prizes – and YOU will probably receive one, if you will brave the cold!

Course of fire: Each of the two “battles” (matches) will begin with a 5 minute sighting-in period during which each individual shots will be marked to help you get your sights or sight picture adjusted. Following the sighting period there will be 3 stages for record: A 7 minute period to fire 10 shots from prone (slow-fire), a 70 second period to fire 10 shots from prone (rapid-fire), and – a repeat of the new stage - a 30 second period to fire as many aimed shots as you can (The Mad (Half) Minute). All firing will be at 200 yards on the military “sitting dog” silhouette target. Scoring will be hit-or-miss, no point scores, but there will be a “heart” drawn on the target to serve as a tie-breaker in the manner of the “X” ring on a conventional target. Each relay will fire this course twice, completing two consecutive matches or “battles”

Choice of Battles: The competitors will pick their own battles from a matrix showing what battles various rifles qualify to fire in. Virtually any imaginable rifle will have one or more battles to compete in. You may shoot your choice of battles in any order by simply designating your battle on each scorecard. Although unintended, this opens the door to firing battles “re-entry” style – shooting the same battle twice in the hopes of bettering your own score.

Any safe rifle can participate in any of the matches, but only scores fired with rifles appropriate to designated battles will be considered for match winners.

To keep the competitors from shivering their way to twenty misses, there will be hot beverages and hot chili between matches and a blazing fire.

Come on out! Firing your old mil-surp rifles in January is not going to put you off your game for Camp Perry in August, and it’s a great opportunity to escape from indoor smallbore and show what real high power shooting is all about – misery! Fun misery! See you there.

For more information, contact Kevin Baxter (224) 400-7046, or see the ISRA website.
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Troy Hinds has volunteered to be our program coordinator; get him the information and he will contact the people that you suggest and try to line them up for one of our meetings.

You can email Troy Hinds with your suggestions at troyhinds@gunssavelife.com or call him at 217-493-7033. Or if you prefer, mail your suggestions to: GunsSaveLife.com, PO Box 51, Savoy, IL 61874.

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