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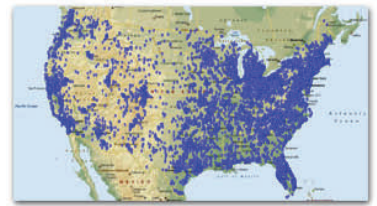
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Tim Schmidt  
Founder - USCCA

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# TIM'S THOUGHTS

Dear U.S. Concealed Carry Members,

Our brand new website is done! After many long hours of staring at the computer, it is 100% up and running. If you had a valid e-mail address on file with us you should have received a notification with your temporary user-name and password. You can use this information to log in and then you can change your password to whatever you want!

Not only does the website contain EVERY article we've ever published in Concealed Carry Magazine, it also contains a lot of interesting "web-only" content. We're working on putting together a series of "video" gun reviews, audio interviews, "FLASH" movies and other cool multi-media content.

I hope you can find the time to check out the new website at [www.usconcealedcarry.com](http://www.usconcealedcarry.com). Be sure to let us know what you think in our "Members Only" forum!

Be safe and God Bless,



**Tim Schmidt**  
Publisher/Editor

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## July 2006 Cover

The cover photo reminds us of why we carry guns—to protect the precious gift of life. Pictured are Michael Tan (the father), Elisabeth Tan (the baby), and a Les Baer TRS (the gun).

# Letters

Dear Editor,

When I saw your membership ad in American Rifleman it took me 2 minutes to decide to become a member. I just got my second CCM magazine and it is among the best gun owner mags available.

I was impressed with your profile of Robert Fowler and Sherry Dickson. I lived near Foot Drum in Canton NY for 5 years and the winters do last forever. I was pleased to see Mr. Fowler is not only an NRA member but also a TSRA and GOA member as am I. I was also pleased to see Mr. Fowler packing a Ruger, my choice in guns.

Your magazine references the NRA a lot, and it should. Any gun owner who isn't an NRA member is missing a chance to fight liberal anti-2nd Amendment activists. But there are many great gun rights organizations out there and I encourage gun owners to join them.

Thanks for a great publication and already I can't wait for the next issue.

Mark Truskey  
Pearland TX

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the great article on snub nosed revolvers. I will not take the bait and throw in my own editorial, as I am sure the debate will last long after I am dead and gone. Suffice it to say, that my S&W 640 is always close at hand. By the way, Northeast Tactical Schools offers a great one-day course, "Mastering the Defensive Snubby." If you take it, you can get a copy of the article, "Why Revolver Beats Auto-25 Reasons the Wheel-gun's Top Gun!" (oops, I promised no editorial).

Jack Kay  
Framingham, MA

Dear Editor,

I smiled with amusement at the dilemma of what to do with a loaded gun at night when there are children in the home.

A trick that I learned as an Army Intelligence agent years ago was this: Take an

old holster that preferably has a strap to secure the gun. Attach Velcro® fastening material to the back side of it and to the inside of a bedroom closet door above the transom. Place the holstered gun upside down so you can either unstrap and remove the piece easily or simply rip the entire holster from its mounting in a crisis situation. Positioning the gun in this manner keeps it out of reach and out of sight.

Most intruders (including children) do not think to look up and back over their shoulders when they enter a space such as a closet doorway. I hope this helps anyone who is serious about keeping a loaded gun in the home in a ready-to-use mode.

Art Hermsdorfer  
Memphis, TN

Dear Editor,

I received your April issue. As always a great mag filled with good, solid information.

I enjoyed the article on the Wilson Combat. Just because I may not be able to afford one does not mean I would not want to know about it. I love to purchase the best guns I can afford.

One point a firearms instructor made to me a few years back. Carrying a fancy or expensive gun is fine, but if you ever have to use it you better be prepared to possibly have a officer instruct you to "drop it" or even "kick it" across the pavement. I think I would be crying about that time if I was carrying a gun as nice as the Wilson.

Tom Sliker  
Mill Spring, NC

Dear Tom,

In such situations of having a police officer pointing a gun at you and ordering you to drop your weapon.... I think in that situation you would have more to worry about then getting some scratches on your Wilson. And most cops would understand if you said "Okay, I'm setting it down, this

pistol cost me 3 grand and I don't want it scratched up because I dropped it... setting it down... slowly..."

George Hill  
Contributing CCM Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been a subscriber from your inception, I think I missed the first two issues.

I love the magazine, love the continuity that others have written in about (articles in numerical order, not hopscotching the pages), like to read the profiles, everything is first rate. Just to let you know, I don't care if my issue comes plain brown wrapper or exposed. I kind of feel like I am getting porn in the mail more than my privacy being infringed upon. I do appreciate the condition the magazine shows up in.

Rocky Click  
Soap Lake, WA

Dear Editor,

Keep up the good work. I have been a subscriber since the beginning. I only missed the 1st issue, and a few that never made it. Which brings me to the first thing I want to say; I appreciate the magazine being mailed in an envelope. I don't mind sharing my magazine, but there were a few I never received and some others that looked like they were read by the whole postal community. So, thank you!!!!

I really like that you run your articles page to page. I hate skipping from front to back, over and over.

Also I must commend you for not leaving GOD out. Our forefathers were GOD fearing good folks and just because I choose to trust in myself for defense/protection doesn't mean I am not a Christian.

I find the magazine hard to put down once I start reading. I especially enjoy Gabe's views and input. I wish there were more pages, as the end comes to soon, and I am stuck waiting for the next issue.

R. Carter  
Seligman, MO

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*Each issue of CCM contains an article that "PROFILES" an everyday individual who carries a concealed weapon. This article is an inspiration to our readers by helping them to realize that they are not alone in their lifestyle decision to always be armed.*



# Brian Fogal

My dad passed away when I was three and a half years old, so everything I learned about guns and shooting was more or less self-taught until I joined the Air Force. My first gun was a Ruger 10/22 that I bought shortly after graduating from high school, and my second was a Walther P-38 that my dad brought back from Germany. When he passed away, an uncle took possession of the gun until I was old enough to legally own it. Nobody ever told me how my dad got the pistol and I'm not sure that anyone knows, except that he took it from a deceased German Officer. According to the markings on the slide, it was made by Walther in 1941 and all the serial numbers match, with the exception of the magazine.

I graduated from high school in 1980, enlisted in the Air Force in the following December, and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Security Police Academy in March of 1981. At the academy, I received

training in nuclear security, in combat tactics, as an alert fire team leader and in anti terrorism. Later on, I received training as an alarm monitor and as a security controller (dispatcher), and I got to play with the usual assortment of military guns like the M-16, the M-60 machine gun, the M-203 grenade launcher and the Beretta M-9 pistol. After basic training and the academy, my one and only duty station was at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. K.I. was one of those places where once you got stationed there, you didn't go anywhere else, which was okay by me because I had the opportunity to hunt and fish in some of the most beautiful areas of the state. I left the service as a Staff Sergeant in 1992, after eleven years and seven months, all at K. I. Sawyer. That's a long time to give up, being

only halfway to a military retirement, but I didn't make a very good politician, and the early separation buy-outs offered at the time were a pretty good incentive, so it seemed like the thing to do. After I separated from the service in 92, I spent another two years in the U.P., but with jobs not paying well and money getting short, my wife at the time (who I am now divorced from) and I decided to pack up and move back home to Port Huron in the lower peninsula. That was in November of 1994, and by the middle of December, I was able to get a steady job welding together axle assemblies with a company that supplies to the Big Three.

Being in the automotive industry meant working a lot of overtime, so I didn't have much time for hobbies. After about five years, I decided that I wanted to do more than just tinker with guns. I enrolled in a video gunsmithing course with the American Gunsmithing Institute. I started out with their practical gunsmithing course and later, I enrolled in the professional series. It's taking longer than I planned to finish, and I've had a few interruptions along the way, but it's a lot of fun and I'm learning a lot about guns. As soon as people at work found out about my hobby, I was answering a lot of questions about shooting,

fixing and carrying guns. My boss used to refer to me as “the gun guy.”

My latest project is an old JC Higgins 12ga shotgun I bought from a friend. He had it for over forty years and it was in pretty rough shape when I got it. After I got it home, it was completely disassembled and cleaned, and new parts were ordered to replace the broken action tube and worn out magazine spring. Then I refinished the barrel and receiver with a matte black, spray-on coating; I re-cut the checkering on the stock; I fitted the new parts and I put everything back together. The only thing I have left to do is install a shoulder pad and then glass bed the stock to the receiver. Although it's not very common, you can glass bed a shotgun stock. It makes for a very nice fit and strengthens the joint between the stock and the receiver. Waiting in the gun cabinet is an Old Guard Spanish Mauser, chambered in .308 NATO that will get pretty much the same treatment, with the addition of a scope and a new stock. When it's done, it will make a nice hunting rifle for those trips back to the Upper Peninsula and deer camp.

I became fascinated and frustrated with the politics surrounding the Second Amendment at about the same time I left the service. I started reading about the founding fathers and the Constitution, and I started learning about the Bill of Rights. All of that reading really reinforced what I thought I knew about how this nation was founded—on the principles of freedom, liberty, individual rights, accountability, and of course, limited government (that you should have the right to do as you please and without government interference, so long as you don't interfere with someone else's rights). What a wonderful concept, and yet most people don't know what their freedom and liberty means, what it cost to achieve, and sadly, how much we've lost. To keep current on the issues and what's new, I read a variety of publications, and at one time, I had subscriptions to seventeen gun magazines. I've trimmed that back to about six or seven, with my favorite being *Combat Handguns*.

My favorite writer is Massad Ayoob. The lessons and information he provides will be invaluable if you should ever find yourself involved in a shooting and have to prepare for a court case with your attorney. Anyone carrying a gun for personal defense or in a professional capacity would do well to read what Mr. Ayoob puts out in magazines and in the books he's written. “In the Gravest Extreme” and “The Truth About Self-Defense” should be on everyone's bookshelf.

# CCM INTERVIEW

**CCM: Was there a specific incident that caused you to carry a gun?**

**BRIAN:** No, nothing other than Michigan becoming a “shall issue” state, and I wanted as much of a chance at survival as the bad guys. Being 6' 2” and 235 lbs, I don't exactly fit the profile of a potential victim, but that doesn't mean I won't become the subject of a violent crime some day, and it's better to be ready than to be caught unprepared.

**CCM: Have you ever had to use your firearm in self-defense?**

**BRIAN:** Not yet, and I'm hoping I never do. The last thing I want is to have to shoot someone, even if he is a bad guy.

**CCM: What training methods do you employ?**

**BRIAN:** I get to the range as often as I can, although not as often as I'd like. I also shoot at IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association) events when I can. I do a lot of visualization and a lot of dry fire and reload exercises. I also read *Combat Handguns* magazine. I use the “It Happened to Me” articles to put myself in that situation and visualize what I'd do differently and how I would respond or react to those situations.



**CCM: Do you have any recommendations?**

**BRIAN:** I have a hard time recommending something to someone where concealed carry is concerned because it's such a personal choice, not only the decision to carry a gun, but in selecting all of the accessories, training and legal decisions that go with it. I can't recommend a certain gun, holster or lawyer that you should have. Those are all decisions that the individual has to make. But I would say to take some time to consider all the ramifications of what you're about to do, or are already doing if you currently carry, even the unintended consequences. By that I mean that every time a gun owner/CCW holder is “prosecuted in the press” for shooting the goblin or for just being out in public with a gun, it gives the rest of us pause for concern. If we're ever involved in that situation (to have the opportunity or the need to save someone's life by using a gun), we may hesitate or decide altogether not to get involved. For a family member or close personal friend, there's no doubt in my mind we would do what's necessary, but a stranger on the street is another decision altogether. Do you risk everything you have to help someone you don't know? Do you chance having to spend tens of thousands of dollars for a defense attorney and risk going to prison if you lose the case? Do the laws in your area prevent wrongful death charges against you if the family of the guy you just shot wants to take you to court? You can do everything right and have a lot of things go wrong afterwards. I would recommend that you become as knowledgeable as you can about what you are doing or are about to do, regarding carrying a gun.

**CCM: How long have you carried a concealed weapon?**

**BRIAN:** About three and a half years.

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**CCM: What weapons do you carry?**

**BRIAN:** I carry a .45ACP Kimber Classic in stainless steel and I have a Kimber Classic in matte black that I carry occasionally. It's more of a back-up when my stainless needs cleaning after a pistol match or range time. I also carry a Surefire 6P flashlight. I'd rather temporarily blind someone and run away than have to shoot them if the situation permits. I use Wilson Combat magazines.

**CCM: What type of ammunition do you carry?**

**BRIAN:** Currently, I'm using Winchester 230 gr., JHP Personal Protection ammo. I have a box of Speer Gold Dot that I'll be checking out at the range. If it runs well there, I'll give it a try at an IDPA event to see how 100 of them run. By the way, I use ammunition labeled "Personal Protection," or "the Choice for Law Enforcement." I wouldn't use something in my carry gun labeled "Macho Magnum" or "Deer Hunting" ammunition. It would just give too much "ammunition" to the prosecutor. I never carry hand loads.

**CCM: What concealment holster do you use?**

**BRIAN:** I have several to choose from, depending on how I'm dressed for the day, what I'll be doing and what the weather will be like: a Triple-K belt slide, a Galco NSA

II, a Fobus, an Uncle Mike's Kydex Hip Holster, and a Kirkpatrick Leather Texas Strong Side rig.

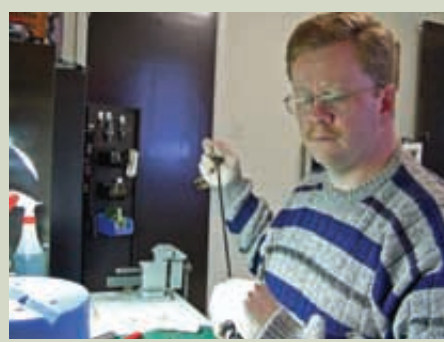
**CCM: What do you do for a living?**

**BRIAN:** I'm a Quality Supervisor with an automotive parts supplier.

**CCM: Do you have any advice for our readers?**

**BRIAN:** Col. Jeff Cooper once said, "Owning a handgun doesn't make you armed anymore than owning a guitar makes you a musician." Make carrying a gun something you are, not just something you do. Get as much information as you can concerning the laws in your area and around the nation, and get some formal training as often as you can. There are a lot of tactical schools available if you're interested in that level of training. Also,

find a local instructor who you can train with when classes are available. Spend time reading about gun issues, the Second Amendment and self-defense, and become knowledgeable about the legal process. You may be involved in a shooting some day, and you need to be aware of what the process is and how you're going to handle it when it's your turn to see the judge. Count on the fact that you won't have a "jury of your peers" because the prosecutor is going to stack everything he can against you. The jurors won't be CCW holders, and they won't be self-defense advocates. Want proof? If you're ever selected for jury duty in a self-defense case, tell the prosecutor that you're a CCW holder and you believe in the right to defend yourself using deadly force if necessary. See how fast you're dismissed from the case. Remember, every round you fire in self-defense has a lawyer attached to it, whether he's on your side or the other. Lastly, don't shoot to kill; shoot to live.



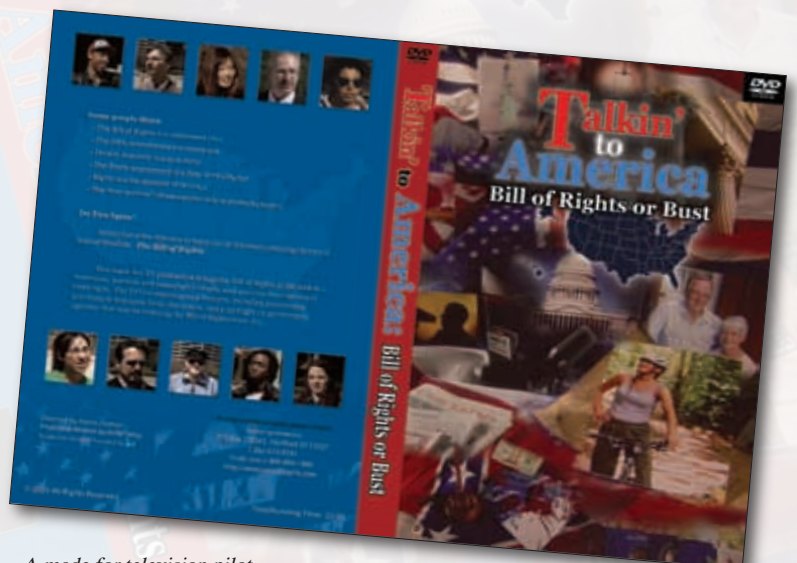
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## TEEN SHOTS INTRUDER

**HOLLYWOOD, Florida** — With a man breaking through the front door, a Hollywood 15-year-old loaded his father's gun, waited for the intruder to come in and shot him, police said.

Keil Jumper, 22, who police said has a long rap sheet, was later found bleeding in an area between two houses. Police said Jumper was seriously injured but his injuries didn't appear life threatening.

The incident happened about 3:30 a.m. Saturday, when Jumper attempted to break down the front door, and then picked up a bicycle to smash the window, police said. The sounds terrified a family of 8 to 10 people who were asleep in the home, which is on South 61st Avenue in Hollywood, police said.

Police said the teenager is unlikely to be charged in the case. But they said Jumper, who was shot several times, will be -- once he's discharged from Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood.

Miami Herald  
May 23, 2006

## 78-YEAR-OLD FENDS OFF TEEN

**RIVERDALE, Illinois** — A teenager who tried to rob a house is recovering after being shot by an elderly homeowner who decided to fight back.

But it's the life-and-death struggle that unfolded in south suburban Riverdale that stunned police.

The victim is a 78-year-old ex-Marine, who is also a disabled former firefighter. The robbery suspect is 14-years-old.

Police say the teen surprised the homeowner. He took a pair of pruning shears, hit him in the head and left him for dead. But, somehow, as the teen ransacked the house, the victim got up, got his gun and shot the suspect four times.

"This 78-year-old man today refused to be a victim. He was fighting for his life and today, he won," said Police Chief Pete Satriano. The suspect is under arrest but still hospitalized. That feisty homeowner has been treated and released.

CBS2Chicago.com  
May 23, 2006

## CLERK DISARMS ASSAILANT

**LOS ANGELES, California** — A clerk disarmed a robber and turned the gun on the two assailants Wednesday night in an Inland Empire convenience store.

The clerk's quick move was captured on the store's surveillance camera.

As one of the men walked around the store, another man pointed a gun at the clerk. The clerk reached over the counter and grabbed the gun. The two men fled from the store.

No shots were fired. No one was injured, according to police. Police said they discourage people from attempting to disarm an assailant.

Los Angeles' NBC4.tv  
May 26, 2006

## SHOT FIRED DURING ROBBERY ATTEMPT

**MOORESVILLE, Indiana** — Mooresville jewelry store owner fires gun after robber enters with weapon; no one injured.

A Mooresville business was reportedly the target of an armed robber Friday night, but the owner fired first.

According to Mooresville Police Department preliminary reports, the owner of Hasting's Jewelry, 354 S. Indiana St., saw a man walk up to the entrance of his store shortly before 6 p.m.

The man pulled a red hood over his face, took out a handgun and entered the store. The owner, who was not identified, also had a handgun. As the man entered the store, the owner stood up with his weapon.

Officers said the robber told the owner, "Don't do it, man, I'll kill you."

According to police, the owner then discharged his weapon, striking the top of a display case. The bullet ricocheted off a large pair of scissors, and then went out a window.

After the shot, the would-be robber fled the business. Police said a witness saw a man leaving the business and getting into a red or maroon Chevrolet Trail Blazer or Suburban.

The vehicle then reportedly headed west on Ind. 42. The witness told officers the license plate had the numbers "2181" on it. The man was described as white, and between 6-foot-3 and 6-foot-5. His weapon was described as a 1911 .45-caliber stainless steel handgun.

Officers were unsuccessful in finding the bullet that went through the window.

The owner hit a panic button, and officers were at his store within a minute of the call.

Martinsville Reporter-Times  
May 28, 2006

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## INTRUDER SHOT

**BORING, Oregon** — A 9-1-1 call from a woman in Boring reported that a man, who had been harassing her, broke into her residence and her boyfriend shot the intruder multiple times. It happened at about 2:30 a.m.

Clackamas County Sheriff's officials say the woman told them the intruder had been stalking her. She says the man physically forced his way into her residence.

The man, reported to be 49-years-old, was shot multiple times with a handgun in the upper torso and is reported to be in stable condition. He was air lifted to Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

Authorities say he drove a motorcycle to the address before the shooting.

The woman knows the man by name but denies ever having any type of prior romantic involvement. No arrests have been made at this stage of the investigation.

Beaverton's KPTV.com

May 30, 2006

## CLERK SHOOTS ROBBER

**HOUSTON, Texas** — A liquor store clerk shot and killed one of two armed men who

tried to rob the southwest Houston business Wednesday night, police said.

"Two suspects came in; only one came out," said Houston Police Department investigator A. Taravello.

The men tried to rob the R-N-R Liquor store in the 10200 block of Beechnut about 7:30 p.m. when gunfire erupted, police said. The clerk was wounded in the leg.

His condition was not available Wednesday night, but Taravello said he thought the injuries were not life-threatening.

"I am assuming guns were pulled on him. There are guns in there," the investigator said. The other gunman fled.

Houston Chronicle

May 31, 2006

## BURGLAR SHOT

**AUTRYVILLE, North Carolina** — A Dunn-area man who allegedly broke into a Sampson County home and attempted to assault a woman at the residence was shot in the leg by another man who was at the home at the time, according to reports at the Sheriff's Office.

The suspect in the burglary, Wesley Craig Hickman, 22, of 536 Clubhouse Drive, Dunn, the man who allegedly

broke into the Carrolls Store Road home is expected to be charged with first-degree burglary in connection with the incident, authorities said.

Reports state that, just after 2 a.m. Saturday, a suspect barged into 366 Carrolls Store Road and attempted to assault Leslie Ann Skinner, 20, of Maxwell Road, Autryville, who was at the home at the time.

William McPhail, 20, of the Carrolls Store Road home, reportedly shot Hickman in the left leg with a double-barrel shotgun, Sheriff's Capt. Julian Carr said.

"(Hickman) apparently kicked the door in at this residence," said Carr. "He was approached or confronted by William McPhail, of that residence" just prior to the shooting, Carr said.

The captain said that Hickman was attempting to assault Skinner prior to the shooting.

Following the incident, Hickman was taken to Sampson Regional Medical Center, before being transported to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, where he was being treated for the injury.

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June 1, 2006

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# PERCEPTION IS NOT REALITY: IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU SEE ON TV, YOU ARE MISINFORMED!

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Guns save lives! Guns save the lives of law-abiding people. In the United States, guns save roughly 6 times more innocent lives than are wrongfully taken by criminals. Don't believe it? Over the last 30 years, all credible, scientific research confirms that in the U.S., over 2 million crimes are stopped or deterred each year by armed, law-abiding civilians, most with no one being shot or killed. Three times more crimes are stopped by armed civilians than by the police. And while mishaps occur, the police are 5 times more likely to shoot an innocent person than are armed civilians. The data confirms this and much more.

***"We're all ignorant, just on different subjects."***  
- Will Rogers

***"Without data, we're just another schmuck with an opinion."***  
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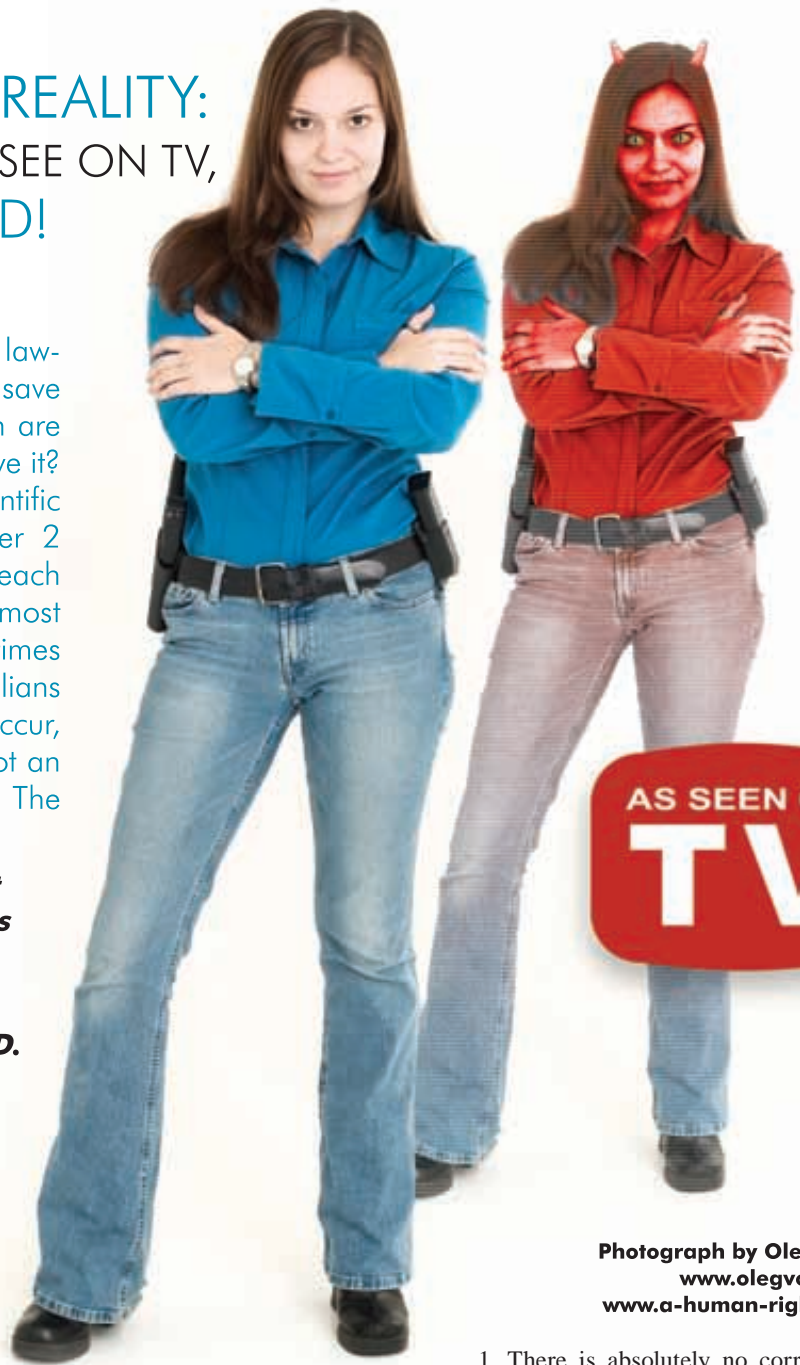
But what do you learn of guns on TV? (1) Uniformly, the message from TV and the major media seems to be only that guns kill. (2) Guns cause violence. (3) The "readily availability of a gun" somehow leads to violence. (4) A former President is quoted, "No one needs to hunt deer with an Uzi." (5) "Guns have no purpose other than to kill." (Think about that last one. If true, why would we give guns to police?)

Public misperception on the issue of guns and violence is easy to understand. It's hard for newspapers, radios and T.V. stations to create a splashy story to report that a crime didn't happen. It is a basic economic truth that media outlets are not in the business to entertain or inform. Entertaining or informing produces no revenue stream. They are in business to change behavior by selling commercials. That is their only source of income. Thus, even in the absence of "liberal biases," it is in the interest of the major media to be one-sided. Biases have been proven, however. Remember the "faked" explosion of a well known pickup truck by a major T.V. news report? The same fakery has occurred in "assault weapon" news reports on all three television networks. Why? Senior level managers of several national

T.V. network news organizations are on record as favoring repeal of the Second Amendment—presumably the same people who say that the Second Amendment doesn't secure rights for individuals.

## WHAT DOES THE DATA INDICATE?

Are you curious about what is really going on? With respect to crime and gun laws, there is a wonderfully well-researched book on this subject, *The Samurai, the Mountie, and the Cowboy*, by David B. Kopel (Prometheus Books, 1992). The research and documentation on this subject, both historically and cross-culturally, is the best I have seen. The footnotes number literally in the thousands. When viewed objectively, the conclusions from that research are inescapable:



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1. There is absolutely no correlation between the number of firearms and the number of violent crimes in a society, but rather, concealed carry deters crime on a societal level. A few examples:

(a) Switzerland has more guns per capita than any other country but the United States. Yet Switzerland has among the lowest homicides (of all types) per capita when compared to any other Western country. Switzerland has more fully-automatic firearms in homes than does the entire United States, but has a violent crime rate considerably less than that of England.

(b) In Mexico, by contrast, where it is very difficult for citizens to own firearms, the per capita rate of murder with knives alone is higher than the total murder rate in the United States. Mexico's total per-capita homicide rate is 3 to 5 times that of the U.S.

(c) In New Zealand, the government eliminated registration of firearms because the police found no correlation between the number of guns and the number of crimes, and the cost of administering the paperwork burden diverted their efforts. At the same time, New Zealand greatly increased penalties for criminal misuse of a weapon. The results? “A significant decline in firearms deaths and injuries in New Zealand, even as the number of guns has soared.”

2. Because of differences in history, traditions, fundamental values and beliefs, laws which work in another country would not necessarily work in the U.S. (or vice versa). Kopel does a magnificent job of documenting the histories, values and statuses of the countries he analyzes (including the U.S.) to support this. You will learn things you haven't read elsewhere.

3. Gun control is, at best, window dressing, a cheap substitute for an effective policy against violence and criminal acts; and at worst, it is an authoritarian step inconsistent with our heritage. It would make felons of otherwise law-abiding citizens, be as unenforceable as alcohol or drug prohibition, and divert vast amounts of government and police resources (your tax money) away from the real problems, with no corresponding benefits.

4. The level of crime and violence is a function of many variables, which ultimately boils down to the extent (or lack of) of personal and community responsibility and values within a society. This is the real key. Many of us remember when friends and neighbors looked out for each other; when parents learned before the end of the day of their youngster's mischief away from home; when a spanking at school resulted in another spanking at home; when personal responsibility for one's actions wasn't questioned; and most important, when schools, churches, media and police all seemed to be supporting the same basic values of decency and personal responsibility. Government can't “fix” this in a 5 second sound bite. However, it is both rational and appropriate to assess what we are doing within that context, beginning with how we treat children, and certainly including our juvenile and criminal justice system. There is a great deal more data; for example, that television (particularly television's glorification of violence for adults and children alike) is a significant causative factor of violence. Kopel avoids the “lock them up and throw away the key” approach. You may not agree with all of Kopel's recommendations. However, anyone wishing to understand this subject should start here.

## **PERSONAL VALUES? PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY?**

On the subject of personal responsibility and the values under which this country was founded, both you and the gun banners should consider the following from the two most important drafters of the U.S. Constitution:

“We have staked the whole future of the American civilization, not upon the power of the government (but) upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.” —James Madison, primary author of the U.S. Constitution.

“Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the governance of any others.” —John Adams, considered the primary architect of the U.S. Constitution.

## **RESULTS OF “GUN CONTROL” LAWS: INNOCENT LIVES NEEDLESSLY LOST!**

“I blame the deaths of my parents on those legislators who deny me my right to defend myself.” —Dr. Suzanna Gratia, referring to the incident at Luby's cafe in Killeen, Texas, in which a murderer killed her parents in her presence.

Everyone remembers the incident at Killeen in October, 1991. It was widely and repeatedly reported by every news organization in the country. Another sociopath knew of and took advantage of the strict gun control laws in Texas at the time. Dr. Gratia, in compliance with Texas law, left her firearm locked in her vehicle, and was helpless as her parents and others were needlessly, but methodically, murdered.

## **RESULTS OF “SHALL-ISSUE” CONCEALED CARRY LAWS: INNOCENT LIVES SAVED (“IT'S NON-VIOLENCE, STUPID!”)**

There was another more dramatic incident that you may not remember. It received little attention from the same news agencies that had such a feeding frenzy at Killeen. In another restaurant in Anniston, Alabama, in December of 1991, two armed robbers left no doubt that they were going to murder all of the customers and employees. Fortunately, one of the customers, a civilian named Thomas Glen Terry, with a concealed carry permit, had his licensed pistol in his possession. The result? One dead and one wounded criminal. No innocent persons harmed. No crime successfully committed. According to Anniston Police Lt., Ted Northderst, one lone-armed, law-abiding civilian, Mr.

Terry, in a crowd of people who were about to be murdered, successfully saved the day. Ask yourself, why wasn't this celebrated in the newspapers and T.V.?

## **IMMORALITY OF CURRENT LAWS**

There is clear, legal precedent that the government will not accept civil liability if the police fail to protect you. Ask yourself why the government treats a law-abiding citizen like a criminal if he or she carries a firearm solely for self-protection? This was not what our founding fathers intended. By early British, Colonial and U.S. custom, it was the obligation of law-abiding citizens to stop criminals. Most of us have heard the terms “hue and cry” and “posse” without thinking much about them. The terms refer specifically to the Anglo-Saxon obligation of citizens to be armed to protect themselves and other innocent life against wrongdoers. This was considered a “moral obligation of citizenship.” The founders of our country were well read. They wished to maintain and preserve the ultimate power with the individual, not the government. In the Second Amendment to the Constitution, the founders recognized and confirmed that life and the ability to defend life was a gift from God, which could not be arbitrarily taken by the government they were creating. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, “The God who gave us life, gave us the right to defend it.”

## **WILD WEST?**

It's no coincidence that during the period after the Civil War, our “Wild West” period, when law abiding citizens were more likely to be armed and more likely to “get involved” in crime control, we had far less per-capita crime. By every measure, whether over-all numbers or crimes-per-capita, violent crime in our “Wild West” was one-seventh to one-tenth of the current rate in the U.S. The mayor of Washington, D.C. vetoed the idea of armed civilians to deter crime, giving as a reason, “We don't want a Dodge City.” He would have been considered a miracle worker if he could have reduced his city's crime to that level.

“Perception Is Not Reality” is an excerpt from *Bob's original article: “ASSAULT WEAPONS” HOAX: Anatomy of a (Nearly) Perfect Misinformation Scam.*

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# Drawpoint: Method Video Review

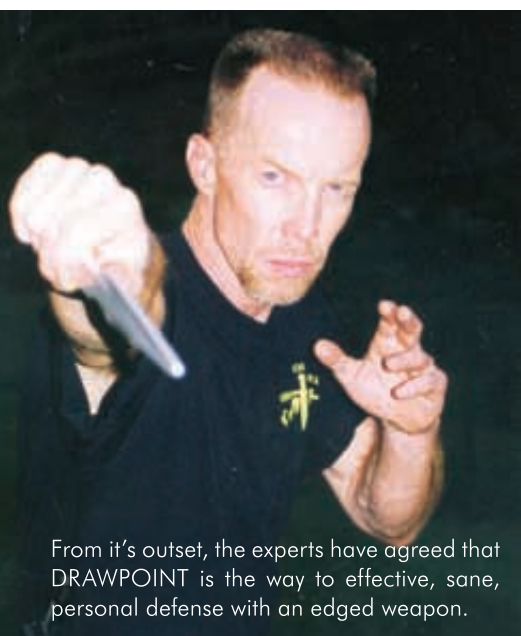
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Mr. Keating is one of the leading trainers in blade work today. His background includes decades in the martial arts, professional body guarding and firearms training.



Middle: Tom Krein is a master custom knife maker who designed the TK-8 specifically around the Keating Drawpoint Method.



From it's outset, the experts have agreed that DRAWPOINT is the way to effective, sane, personal defense with an edged weapon.

**T**raining with a knife seems outdated if you carry a pistol. People often say, "Don't bring a knife to a gun fight." Many experts are saying that within twenty-one feet a knife can be deployed effectively against a pistol. This is especially true if the knife man (or woman) is trained. The knife is also important because it can often go where a gun cannot. Master at Arms, James Keating, has combined fighting with knives and various defensive tools into a single defending system called Drawpoint Method, which his company, Comtech, has developed into a series of three excellent volumes. The volumes consist of one video each.

*From [www.jameskeating.com](http://www.jameskeating.com):*

*"From its outset, the experts have agreed that Drawpoint is the way to effective, sane, personal defense with an edged weapon. You see, Drawpoint is merely modified Pekiti Tersia Kali. Traditional Filipino Kali is like any other martial art. To learn it to its fullest requires years of dedicated practice. That's why I designed Drawpoint. It has all of the good aspects of Kali, but occupies a more streamlined, tactical profile, one designed for today's world. Easy to learn, deadly in-close, and fun to learn. Those are the words that describe Drawpoint from Comtech."*

If you have read anything on modern knife defending, then I am sure that the name James Keating has come up. Mr. Keating is one of the leading trainers in blade work today. His background includes decades in the martial arts, professional bodyguarding and firearms training. Keating is also famous for his unique, annual training pilgrimage up the remote Snake River to Oregon's Hell's Canyon, called "The Riddle of Steel." Each year, he and a couple dozen students cloister themselves in the remote area to concentrate on the art of knife defending. The sheer mystique of these week long intensives has helped to bring James Keating to the forefront of the defensive knife world.

I got to know Mr. Keating during the time that I began researching his program. Mr. Keating is a very kind and patient man. He has a vast interest in many topics and is a true rouge scholar or autodidactic. Mr. Keating is also a great listener. He is always looking for new knowledge. He apparently

has not let any ego issues block him from discovering new things. Learning from such a master is a real pleasure. I entered the world of defensive knife fighting with limited knowledge. I read a little here and there about Filipino martial arts, but I only had rudimentary training. Keating's patience with beginners is very apparent from his video series.

If you want to learn the Drawpoint system, I suggest that you purchase all three volumes. Watch each of them casually before you start training. Once you understand the goal of his system, you will want to go back to the first video to begin building the foundation. Mr. Keating claims that he has not created anything new, but rather simplified and adapted aspects of Filipino martial arts to suit the needs of Western society.

The first video teaches you the possible legal ramifications of using a knife for self-defense. The video covers carrying systems and introduces the Gryphon M10 as the



Above: The TK-8 is shown here using the Mercharness shoulder harness system. This is an excellent combination.

featured knife. Basic footwork, movement and defense are covered in detail. Keating introduces the reverse grip, edge-in style of deployment. (In Filipino martial arts it is called “pakal.”) Using this grip enables the defender to fight in close and effectively. Pakal is not a dueler’s grip; it is to defend yourself in close quarter battle. This took some convincing for me, since the reverse grip did not seem intuitive. After watching volume one, I am convinced and converted. Defending against multiple attackers is also touched on. Keating compresses many of the difficult angles of Filipino martial arts into a palatable package. Stabbing techniques are covered well and in an understandable fashion.

Below: Keating takes you through more advanced levels of knife defending. He introduces you to knife against pistol, shotgun against knife and many other scenarios.



This video was shot some years ago and has a basement movie feel. With no special effects or elaborate equipment, Keating created a clear, concise and detailed training film. It isn’t pretty, but Keating won’t let you out of that basement until you understand the basics. I think that the rough edges of this video add character to it and give you some insight into the Keating mind. They do not distract the student at all.

When the first video was filmed using the Gryphon M10, it was one of the most ideal knives for this system. Since then, many knife makers have improved and specialized their designs to work with the Drawpoint Method. I obtained a TK-8 made by Tom Krein. Tom Krein is a master custom knife maker who designed the TK-8 specifically around the Keating Drawpoint Method. It works very well for the “pakal” or reverse grip, edge-in style used throughout the videos. The knife is a fixed, four inch knife. It comes with an incredibly comfortable Kydex sheath that fastens to your belt using a Tek-Lok system. My TK-8 is made of D2 tool steel and G-10 scales. A training drone knife is available, which I highly recommend buying if you purchase the TK-8. If it is at all possible, a fixed knife should be used. Folding knives can be used with this system, but fixed knives have many advantages over folders regarding strength and speed of deployment. Building muscle memory is a big part of the system. Using the same knife in the same position means that you want to be very familiar with the weight and feel of your knives. Buying a knife that will be a lifetime friend is a good goal. The TK-8 has easily filled that requirement for me, and I highly recommend it for this system.

The second volume of the Drawpoint Method reviews some of the critical components of the system. It also begins to show you how the system is a set of principles rather than set forms. Keating reinforces adaptation and flexibility to prevent his students from getting caught in a rut. This is not a choreographed dance; it is a physical language that tries to answer the insult of attack in a clear and concise manner. The second video touches on trapping and low-line attacks. This video was shot several years after the first video, and it clearly shows that Keating’s equipment and cinematography have progressed. Since Keating addresses getting the knife out of the sheath, gun people will relate to this because of their emphasis on the draw. You start to get a feel of how deploying a knife and a gun

are very much related. Slashing techniques are introduced in video two. Keating and his skilled wife, Norma, use flow drills to show you how to develop the motor skills to move and defend with your weapon. Keating shows how to use a flashlight instead of a knife, how to use two knives, etc. There is so much information on this video that you will have to watch it many times to take it all in.

The third video is slick. The background, music and scene transitions have all made a quantum leap from video one. We have forever left the friendly Keating basement. Like the first two videos, the third video covers a vast amount of information. Mr. and Mrs. Keating take you through more advanced levels of knife defending. They introduce you to knife against pistol, knife against shotgun, and many other scenarios. I found that video three encouraged me to look past the obvious and to see how the skills from videos one and two could be expanded beyond the knife and to any available object or even empty hands. This video continues its common thread of trapping and reverse grip, but it also opens new horizons for you to explore.

Nothing can compare to a live, skilled instructor when learning a physical discipline such as knife defending. Some of us have no other options other than video training. Keating is aware of this and has taken it to heart. He has compressed, simplified and refined difficult and complex methods in his Drawpoint Method, so you can have this quality and quantity of knowledge and skill in your grasp. If you do not have access to a skilled trainer or want to augment your current skills, the Drawpoint Method video series is essential. This James Keating, three volume series and a Tom Krein TK-8 make up a fantastic package that will serve you for a lifetime.

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# Grassroots:

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Written by: William Desy, CFE

I was born in Southern California, and have spent the majority of my life here. My father served in the Military, so we moved to England (briefly) when I was youngster. We returned to our home in Southern California, and I have been here ever since. I currently reside in a small beach community with my wife and two small children.

My parents were not really “Gun People,” but my dad had a rifle that he kept locked up at all times. I was exposed to firearms primarily through my friends that had BB guns and Ruger 10/22s. We often hunted soda cans, bottles and other inanimate targets.

I began my investigative career just out of high school while attending a local junior college. I worked as a process server and skip tracer. I started my own process serving business with two buddies from high school. We spent our days and nights locating and serving defendants and witnesses in civil and criminal cases. We also worked for several local private investigators doing their glamorous grunt work. Several years later, I entered the field of loss prevention and began apprehending shoplifters and investigating internal theft.

While working for a local grocery store chain, I was stabbed by a career criminal bent on his escape. Fortunately, I was still able to apprehend him, and I saved my company a whopping \$29.99. This incident made me realize that all of my judo and karate training as a kid was not quite as effective as I had thought against a real world, goal oriented, criminal predator.

I purchased a semi-automatic handgun, attended several firearms training courses, and was issued a CCW permit for personal protection. I also began to look for a realistic approach to unarmed self-defense.



With my background in martial arts, I worked part-time as a simulated, “padded” attacker and self-defense instructor for McClintock Self-Defense and R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) systems. I also became an instructor for the NRA’s “Refuse to be a Victim” Personal Safety Seminars program. I continued with my self-defense training and also studied Muay Thai kickboxing and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. I currently train in Krav Maga, which literally means “contact combat” in Hebrew, and more accurately, “close quarter combat.” Krav Maga is a “real world” self-defense system that was developed by Imi Lichtenfeld for the Israeli Defense Forces. It employs a no-nonsense approach to self-protection and offers solutions against a wide array of attacks and threats.

[www.Krav-Maga.com](http://www.Krav-Maga.com)

While training in hand-to-hand combatives is great, I have also sought out more advanced firearms training and attended several local shooting courses. I enjoyed shooting so much that I became an instructor. I have worked with some very seasoned instructors, and with their guidance I became an NRA Certified Instructor. I continued training and working with the Public Safety Training Association in San Diego, and became a California State Certified Firearms Instructor under the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. I taught the state Exposed Firearms course for security officers, private investigators, and executive protection specialists. I also

taught local classes for California CCW permit applicants. I have since assisted with the United States Navy’s Force Protection Program, Armed Sentry Course, providing basic small arms instruction with four different weapons systems: M9, Mossberg 590, M16, and M14, at the International Training Unit in San Diego.

Professionally, I have graduated through the ranks, from store detective to corporate loss prevention management. Along the way, I became a state licensed private investigator, and I have worked for a national investigations firm as their West Coast field manager, where I conducted insurance fraud investigations throughout Southern California and Arizona. I later worked as a regional loss prevention manager for a national retailer before settling down with my family and accepting a local loss prevention and investigations management position at a large California state university. I have furthered my investigative career by becoming a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Fraud Specialist. I continue to educate myself on the current trends by attending annual training seminars whenever my busy schedule permits.

Several years ago, I discovered that the wonderful states of Utah and Florida both issue non-resident CCW permits. I further discovered that those permits were valid in a multitude of different states through reciprocity agreements or legislative recognition of the other states. After a thorough investigation, meeting



with several Utah CCW instructors, and considerable research on [www.Packing.org](http://www.Packing.org), I contacted the Utah Department of Public Safety, and became a Certified Utah Concealed Firearm Permit Instructor. I am currently an adjunct instructor with one of the finest indoor shooting ranges in Southern California, the American Shooting Center ([www.gotammo.com](http://www.gotammo.com)), and I regularly offer multi-state, Utah and Florida non-resident CCW permit classes. More information about these valuable CCW permits is available on my website: [www.CCWUSA.com](http://www.CCWUSA.com).

I most recently attended an excellent, three-day handgun series offered by Scott Reitz of I.T.T.S. (International Tactical Training Seminars). The training was fantastic in content and delivery, and although I am an instructor and offer this type of training to my local community, I will always be a student and continue to learn and develop my personal skills everyday. Two pieces of the puzzle I will borrow from “Uncle Scotty” are being “switched on” whenever you are handling a firearm, and his simplified, 3-step formula for marksmanship: “front sight, trigger press, follow through.”

My personal goal as a firearms instructor is to educate and train others to be safe and responsible whenever handling firearms. In addition to basic marksmanship and CCW permit training, I offer what I call “Personal Protection Training,” which is a combination of armed and unarmed, realistic, defensive tactics tailored to the student’s specific needs and circumstances. It’s kind of like, “Be your own bodyguard.” I offer this type of training to business owners, corporate management, security professionals and private citizens. The format is individualized, one-on-one training or very small group seminars. My focus is on triggering the “survival mindset,” increasing overall situational awareness and developing and/or enhancing gross motor skills with the use of

simple, easy to learn, physical techniques that really work under stress. Course content and intensity are customized to fit the specific requirements of each student.

The most important recommendation I have for all students is to practice, practice, practice. You can never be “too good” to continue learning. And not just your marksmanship skills, but weapon handling, body mechanics, failure drills, unconventional shooting positions, tactical movement, distance and immediate access drills, and if available in your area, adrenal-stress training with simulated attackers and simunitions or paintball type ammunition. I also recommend testing your firearms skills by participating in local IDPA matches whenever possible. To help ensure your right to own, use and carry firearms, I encourage everyone to join the NRA and especially to support any local shooting range facilities, as well as state pro-rights organizations, such as the C.R.P.A. (California Rifle and Pistol Association). Huge strides have been made at the grass roots level within numerous states regarding the right to carry and common sense self-defense legislation. Get involved with your local community and help make our society safer for everyone.

#### CCM: What weapons do you carry?

**WILLIAM:** My primary carry gun is a .45 Cal, Springfield 1911A1 (loaded) from the Springfield Custom Shop with a defense package for reliability and their Black-T finish for added durability. My other two carry guns are the .40 Caliber Glock 23 and the Glock 27.

#### CCM: What type of ammunition do you carry?

**WILLIAM:** Federal Hydra Shock JHP (Jacketed Hollow Point). For the 1911, I use the standard 230 grain, as this is a well proven defensive round. For the .40

Caliber, I use Federal 155 grain JHP. I have read studies which indicated that some standard weight JHP designs may not reliably and consistently expand if the bullet does not reach the necessary velocity. When fired from a shorter barrel (e.g., Glock 27, S&W 642, etc., which are very common for concealed carry guns), the bullet does not stay in the barrel long enough to generate the higher velocity it would have from a 5 or 6 inch barrel. Thus, a lighter bullet going faster is my choice for the .40 caliber round.

#### CCM: What concealment holsters do you use?

**WILLIAM:** I use a standard belt slide holster from Springfield Armory, which is very similar to the “Master” and it is available from Dillon or Galco. For the Glocks, I prefer the G-Code, inside-the-waistband holster. This is the most comfortable IWB holster I have ever used. It combines a Kydex holster with a Cordura backing that is very comfortable and user-friendly.

#### CCM: Do you have any other recommendations for our readers?

**WILLIAM:** Mindset! Develop your “survival mindset,” which will not be broken. Training, training, training! Followed by practice, practice, practice! Some people will practice all day doing things wrong, and get very good at doing things badly. You have invested money in purchasing a firearm. Now it’s time to invest in yourself! Attend a beginning or intermediate handgun course to establish a basic foundation of safety, handling and marksmanship. Make sure you are handling your weapon safely, you are familiar with its operation, and you follow gun safety rules at all times! “Muzzle discipline” means that you are fully aware and in control of that muzzle, not pointing it at something or someone that you do not intend to destroy! If you are an experienced shooter, do not become complacent or careless when practicing or handling your guns. Either attend an advanced training class or participate in IDPA type competition to develop and enhance your shooting skills under pressure. Back to mindset—all the training in the world will not help you unless you are mentally prepared to defend your life. This can be challenging for some people, due to religious or moral beliefs. You must truly believe that your life is worth defending, and that no street criminal has the right to take your life or the life of a loved one!

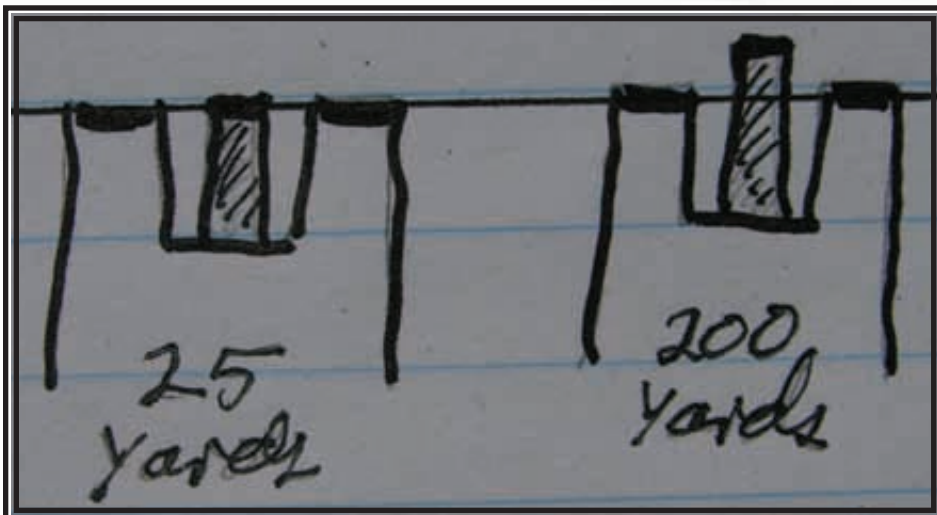




## REACHING OUT WITH YOUR CARRY GUN

If you've never ventured beyond the typical 25-yard pistol range with your carry gun, you may be amazed at how far your gun will shoot. You'll be even more amazed at how far you can shoot it accurately. Plink five-gallon buckets at 300 yards? Why not? With a little practice you'll be hitting objects barely large enough to see at distances that require a powerful laser rangefinder to confirm. More often than "Why not?," the question you'll likely hear is "Why?" A good answer to that is: Because you can. An even better answer is: Because if you know your gun well enough to hit things way out there, you'll realize that hitting things a lot closer is a piece of cake.

**RATHER THAN HOLDING OVER YOUR TARGET, IT IS FAR MORE PRECISE TO RAISE THE FRONT SIGHT POST IN THE REAR NOTCH. SKETCH BY THE AUTHOR.**



### LEARNING YOUR GUN'S TRAJECTORY

The best sort of place to develop your long-range skills is against a barren hillside that provides a safe backstop and gives you all-important feedback in the form of dust and dirt splatters so you know where your bullets are hitting. With a target as simple as a distant rock, and other small landmarks to guide you, you can adjust your sight picture accordingly and walk your shots right up to whatever you're shooting at.

No matter what caliber your pistol, large or small, or the velocity of your projectile, fast or slow, your bullet starts falling toward the ground at the same rate the moment it leaves your muzzle. Since it's moving forward at the same time it's falling, it draws a curved line, or an arc, that's called trajectory. With your sights level, the gun is actually pointed up to some degree so that by the time the bullet arrives at the distance you've used as a sighting-in point, the bullet has progressed along its arc sufficiently to drop right into the bull's-eye. A so-called "flat shooting" bullet doesn't fall any less or at a slower rate, it simply moves faster and therefore farther along toward the target for every inch it falls. By arriving at the target sooner, a "flat shooting" bullet has simply had less time to fall below the point of aim. If you know your trajectory at any given range, you can hit your target dead-on with any gun, whether "flat shooting" or not, at any distance the bullet is still making forward progress, which is far beyond the distance the target can even be seen.

When you shoot at long range, you can often hear the bullet ripping through the air, and you can sometimes see it dancing

through the rays of sunlight as it speeds along its path. It takes a little time for the bullet to arrive at its destination and kick up enough dust for you to see it has landed. It takes even longer for the sound of the bullet's impact to finally make its way back to your ears. By separating all these various components that are normally compressed into what appears to be a simultaneous and single intense experience in short-range shooting, long-range shooting expands time to give you a more leisurely look at all the things that happen when you pull the trigger. The experience is very much like shooting in slow-motion. For many people, this insight gives them a greater appreciation of the accuracy potential they hold in their hands, and they learn to shoot better at any distance because of it.

### **BELIEVING ELMER KEITH**

Elmer Keith was the most renowned long-range handgunner in the world. He invented the .357, .41 and .44 Magnum revolver cartridges, and was instrumental in the design of the Smith & Wesson revolvers that fired them, including the big Model 29.

At first, many in the firearms establishment doubted Keith's long-range load development work, his published

exploits with his modified revolvers, his 700-yard accuracy, his 600-yard big-game kills, but as undeniable evidence accumulated even his doubters were forced to take Elmer's accomplishments to heart. This one man, almost entirely on his own, was responsible for the birth of long-range handgunning, a sporting concept that would see vigorous expression on the target ranges and hunting fields of the world.

Made famous by hitting running targets a quarter-mile away, Elmer Keith was known to be a devastating shot at more intimate social ranges as well. Nothing surprising about that.

### **LONG-RANGE TECHNIQUE**

It may come as a surprise to you the first time you hit something with your pistol that most people couldn't hit with a rifle. It will surely come as a surprise to those around you. The trick, as in all accurate shooting, is to be able to repeat your performance, to do the same thing the same way time after time. Shot-to-shot consistency is the biggest secret to accurate handgun shooting. If you didn't know this already, a little time spent shooting at long range will drive the lesson home. Consistent hits at long range requires consistency in grip and trigger pull, consistency in sight

picture, consistency in the way you handle recoil—"riding the bronc," as gunwriter and long-range handgun shooter, Roger Clouser, describes it.

He goes on to say, "The recoil cycle influences accuracy more than any factor because the bullet is still in the barrel while the gun is moving and the shooter controls how the gun moves. Any inconsistency whatsoever on the part of the shooter in any part of the gun movement cycle is an accuracy disaster since the muzzle and departing bullet will be pointed in a different direction. This is true with any caliber handgun, including .22 LR.

"Recoil is not something that should be struggled with, fought or tamed, because that can't be done consistently either. One takes a ride with recoil in a firm, positive and consistent fashion. A shooter needs to learn the best ballet for his piece and himself. The ballet must become the shooter's friend, observed closely and treated identically with every shot."

In terms of sight picture, rather than aligning your front and rear sights as usual and "holding over" or aiming at some point above your target, it is far more precise to raise the front sight post above level in the rear notch and place that sight picture on your target. Inexperienced long-range shooters tend to overcompensate and shoot high. Be assured that your gun will generally shoot straighter than you think it will.

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**WITH THE ADVENT OF ACCURATE, LIGHTWEIGHT LASER RANGE-FINDERS SUCH AS THIS BUSHNELL ELITE 1500, THERE'S NO NEED TO GUESS HOW FAR AWAY THE BIG ROCK YOU'RE SHOOTING AT MIGHT BE. PHOTO BY THE AUTHOR.**





### 1,000-YARD REVOLVER SHOOTING

I know some guys who get their kicks with handguns shooting 24-inch steel gongs off-hand at 1,000 yards. They use factory revolvers with iron sights they carry around in holsters every day, not short rifles with big scopes set up for such almost-farther-than-the-eye-can-see shooting scenarios. One thing they get out of it is a whole different perspective on handgun accuracy.

Clouser says, "On one occasion after the serious 1,000 yard target work was finished, we turned our offhand attention to a 12-inch, 200-yard steel gong on a side hill. It was so big, close and such a lark to hit we grew tired of it in short order."

Imagine what that kind of experience might do for your accuracy on the 7-yard line.

**LEFT: LONG-RANGE SHOOTING, WHETHER WITH BIG GUNS OR LITTLE GUNS, EXPANDS TIME SO YOU CAN SEPARATE THE SHOOTING EXPERIENCE INTO ALL ITS VARIOUS COMPONENTS AS IF IN SLOW-MOTION. PHOTO BY MORGAN W. BOATMAN.**

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**BOTTOM: VIEW OF A FORMAL 1,000-YARD TARGET RANGE. IF YOU CAN SEE 'EM (BARELY) YOU CAN HIT 'EM. PHOTO BY THE AUTHOR.**



*Knife Review*

*By: George Hill*

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# Lapel Dagger

1942—Occupied France...The French Resistance was in dire straits. Being a largely secretive, yet unarmed, underground movement, they had a difficult time carrying out direct actions against the Nazis. In order to get weapons, they had to get them from the enemy. The US and British forces tried to help as much as they could, but it was hard for the Resistance to smuggle in and carry concealed things like Thompson SMGs, Enfields, and Bren Guns. So they seeded France with other tools of subversion. *Continued on page 20*





One famous tool was the “Liberator,” which was a small, single-shot, .45 caliber pistol, about the size of a Kel-Tec P32. The gun was horrible, but if you snuck up behind an unsuspecting Nazi storm trooper, you could pop him off with a close range shot to the back of the head. This worked out rather nicely because as soon as you fired, you could take the Nazi’s weapon just as all his friends came running to see what just happened.

The Resistance quickly learned that this wasn’t the ideal method of getting a new Mauser. The OSS in England also wondered why they were losing contact with so many Resistance members. It was time for Plan B...a small, concealable dagger that they could use to quietly dispatch unsuspecting Nazis standing guard. The knife was a 2 inch, double-edged dagger, with no handle. The whole knife was essentially a blade. The rear portion was unsharpened, with some lines or checkering filed into the metal to provide grip.

The best tactic was to tip-toe up behind the guard and grab him from behind in a threatening manner, to make him think you had a bigger knife. Tip-toeing worked out best because it avoided German snickering.

Okay, all of the above is virtually nonsense, but this was the impression that I had when I first saw a picture of this little knife in a history book. This isn’t the type of thing you would expect to see in a book about the implements of warfare, but there it was, actually designed by the OSS for concealment. It came with a small, leather sheath that one would sew inside a sleeve, a boot, or under a lapel, which is where it got the name “Lapel Dagger.”

Try as I might, I could not find any documented use of one of these little knives outside of works of fiction or fantasy where anyone used it to silently take out a German sentry to nick his rifle. But that doesn’t mean that it wasn’t useful or that it

wasn’t a good idea. Since the dawn of man, small blades have always proven useful around the cave, skinning a mastodon; in the office, opening one of those Kevlar reinforced FedEx envelopes; or at home on the couch, opening a bag of chips. You have to admit that it is awkward using a bayonet to open up your sour cream and onion Ruffles. You know you’ve done it. Regardless of any utility, these little knives were largely forgotten in favor of other war trophies, such as Luger pistols, P38 can openers, French virginity and large portions of Berlin.

Here I sit, in the spring of 2006, looking at this little WWII curio, and I can’t help but to think I’ve seen this before. Tiny, concealable knives have made a huge comeback. It seems that every major knife maker is selling a tiny, concealable, fixed blade of one sort or another. All of these can trace their roots back to the OSS lapel dagger. Some had handles, some have loops or rings, some are made of plastic, and you can find them in just about any blade shape you want. They are popularly worn around the neck and even called “neck knives.” The only real difference between these new knives and the OSS dagger isn’t the shape or materials, but the marketing, because they both serve the same function and fill the same need.

Here in rural Utah, there isn’t much of a need for clandestine sentry removal...at least not yet. A panzer division could roll into Vernal, Utah and make me a liar. You never know. Maybe some French artist in Paris, sipping espresso from a tiny cup thought the same thing. Okay, so the risk of a Nazi Blitzkrieg is low, but there is always the threat that I might need to defend myself from an attack, be it from a moron who is high on meth, from munchies in difficult plastic bags, or from clamshell product packaging that is tougher than the boxes housing cockpit voice recorders. Careful, that clamshell packaging can cut you... Don’t say that I didn’t warn you.

A small, concealable knife is quite handy. A small and concealable blade is probably even more useful in these politically correct times than back then during the war. There have been several times when I felt that it would have been inadvisable to whip out my Kershaw Boa and open up something... while a small, sharp edge that could mostly be hidden in my hand to cut tape would have been just fine and wouldn’t alarm the sheeple at the office.

Now, you could opt to buy a tiny little fixed blade knife from just about anywhere, but I decided that I wanted the neck knife’s

Granddaddy. I wanted something from history. So I searched around and with the help of the good members of CombatCarry.com’s discussion forum, I found a guy that was making the same pattern knife that the OSS originally designed. I found Dan Brock of the Plowshare Forge, in Eugene, Oregon. Dan makes knives from history, i.e., the Civil War, World Wars I and II. His knives give you a sense of history that you are not going to feel from a knife made by Benchmade or Spyderco. The best part was that it wasn’t a super expensive, high tech, +2 dragon slasher; it was only twenty bucks. He even accepted PayPal. I placed my order right then and there. How often can you buy a working piece of history for only twenty bucks?

The knife arrived in a small, leather sheath, exactly as it was originally used. There were even copies of photos of such knives from some history books, including a photo of the knife with the sheath. A good, usable, historical reproduction. I was delighted.

The knife itself is as simple as was the original intent. It’s not a showpiece; it’s not a fancy gentleman’s knife. It’s nothing you would want to pull out to cut your cigar with while enjoying a cognac or a brandy with polite company. It’s not made of adamantium, it can’t pass through airport security, and it can’t program your VCR. But it does something else that is hard to describe. It makes you think, for even just a moment, that those Frenchies had some real guts. And they truly did. They performed some amazing feats against an overpowering enemy. Imagine if you will, that the little blade was your only weapon and you had to work your way to the rail yard to plant your explosives on the tracks before midnight. In today’s world, any number of scenarios can come to your mind...desperation and daring, with only this knife hidden under your lapel. Fourth and goal, and it’s between you and a stubborn bag of Fritos just before the snap. Or opening that formal letter, informing you that you are a finalist for the ten million dollar sweepstakes that you didn’t enter.

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# the ordinary guy

Column by Mark A. Walters  
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## ORDINARY OBSERVATIONS AND READER RESPONSE

DEADLY FORCE IF YOU ARE INTENT ON DOING GREAT BODILY HARM OR TAKING THEIR LIVES.”

Hello. Is this some sort of a news flash? Of Course Florida residents can use deadly force! So can just about anyone in any state that doesn't have a governor with a name of Bluegonovitch or Blogoffinotch, or whatever his name is up there in Illinois that sounds something like Bloogwhovinatch or something. (Just kidding around, I know his real name. I just don't feel like giving him any credit). Of course, it was a sponsored advertisement from the Brady cult referring to last year's passage of the "stand your ground" law that Governor Bush signed, which took effect in October of 2005.

Now, I think I'll take this opportunity to toot my own horn here for a minute. I can remember penning an article titled, "The Gunshine State Rules Again and Everyone Will Benefit," which ran in *Concealed Carry Magazine*, Volume 2, Issue 6, August 23rd, 2005. In it I stated that it would not be long before this type of legislation passed throughout the land. Well, this legislation is now knocking on the door of a state near you, and that is a beautiful thing.

Let's push ahead, shall we? It seems that the topic of encounters with law enforcement while legally carrying a handgun is always one that will bring out the opinions. I've lost count of how many folks responded, but the general consensus was as expected. Simply shut up. Don't say a thing. Most folks who responded seemed to be veterans of exercising their right to bear arms, and who, like me, make wearing a handgun as much of a habit as putting milk on cereal. I did get a few letters from those who I'm sure had just installed that spotlight at the driver's window of their new Crown Victoria, and who, no doubt, had just set their shiny concealed carry badge

on the desk next to their computer before hitting that send button. I won't embarrass any of you in this column, but you know who you are, and...you scare me!

Most level-headed responses went like this: Karl George of New Mexico wrote, "I've generally held the view that telling a cop answers to questions he has not asked is just begging for trouble." I agree. Jon Horton from Oklahoma pointed out, "According to Title 21, section 1290.8, subsection C of the law, you must declare a legally carried weapon. Since the inception of this law, the definition has been clarified to mean any significant contact with law enforcement. That includes stopping any LEO for directions or roadside assistance." Now, I'm no expert on Oklahoma law. However, that seems to be a little too much for me. I can't imagine prefacing my asking for directions from a law enforcement officer with something like, "Excuse me officer, but I'm carrying a fully loaded Springfield XD-45 with one in the pipe, inside my waistband, right here. I was wondering if you could tell me where the nearest convenience store is." Uh uh, not this ordinary guy!

I am a little bit surprised, but not shocked, that I didn't hear from any police officers on this subject, but as I mentioned, the mail is still coming in. The closest I got to a police officer was from Doyle Smith, who was kind enough to mention that his son was a Texarkana, AR police officer who felt that the only reason to volunteer this information was if asked by a police officer to step out of your vehicle. These

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First of all, I would like to thank the dozens of readers who responded to the article in my column, Are There Any Weapons in the Vehicle? The e-mail responses are still pouring in. I know it's a hot topic on some websites, and we'll get to some of those letters in just a minute, but first I would like to give you a few "ordinary observations."

On a recent drive from Georgia to Florida, I was heading South in my big, red, Dodge Ram, crew cab, with a hemispherical engine, sporting that politically incorrect, 34 gallon, monster gas tank, cranking some bluegrass on Sirius radio 65. Inside my waistband was my 92 FS, resting quite comfortably in a strong-side IWB. I guess that would qualify me for a "gun-toting, gun-nut redneck" award from NYC Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, but anyway, that's when I saw it, that giant billboard on I-75 Southbound. It was screaming at me in blood red letters, "VISITORS BEWARE, FLORIDA RESIDENTS CAN USE DEADLY FORCE." I am certain that some of you have seen it, but I, on the other hand, damn near ran off of the road. I tend to miss those little billboard tidbits at 35,000 feet. I'm thinking of putting up my own billboard a few hundred yards down the road that reads, "VIOLENT VISITORS BEWARE, RESIDENTS CAN USE

stories and opinions could go on and on, but again, the general consensus was pretty similar: Shut up.

I was somewhat shocked to hear from several folks, Doyle Smith as well, who informed me that their concealed carry instructors in their respective states told their classes to always inform the officer that they were carrying, regardless of the law. That surprises me. Ken Gareau of Arizona wrote that his instructor informed the class, "Turn on your interior light. It may reduce the officer's stress at approaching a darkened vehicle at night. After the LEO gives you his instructions, inform the officer that you have a concealed carry permit and that you are carrying, and then ask him how you should proceed." It is my understanding that Arizona residents are under no obligation to disclose anything to an officer, which makes me wonder why an instructor would tell his class to do this. My gosh, concealed means concealed. 66-year-old Joe Crisafulli was minding his own business, doing 87 mph, when he was stopped by the Florida Highway Patrol. It seems that when ole Joe handed the FHP officer his license, his CCW permit was visible to the cop who promptly asked where the weapon was and asked Joe to hand it over or stand by the back side of his car. Joe did not hand over his weapon and received a \$187.00 speeding ticket while holding up the side of that squad car. Good for you, Joe!

So, there you have it, tons of mail and not enough space. Thanks again to all that took the time to write, and sorry that I didn't have room for all of you. Until the next issue, stay safe, and oh yeah... Since most encounters with the law are some form of traffic violation, stay off of that pedal and you won't have to worry about what you would do if carrying your sidearm. More importantly, and as I'm sure ole Joe Crisafulli would agree, you won't have to part with any of those hard earned Ben Franklins!

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# Movement: the Essential Element In Any Gunfight

By: Mike Rayburn

All photography is by Mark Conway of the NSW Police. All officers are from the NSW Police, Australia. Instructor, Mike Rayburn, in red shirt.



Most edged weapon attacks are going to come from a distance of five to ten feet, not from twenty-one feet away. If that's the case, then you need to train at those distances. Simunitions® are being used in this photograph.

**G**unfights are up close and personal events. Ask anyone who's ever been involved in one. Thankfully, this is a small club, so if you don't know anyone who's ever been involved in a gunfight, then read some of the stories of these lethal force encounters published in this magazine, as well as others. You'll soon realize that the distance between the combatants is minimal, most often at a distance of five to ten feet, or even less.

Why is this? Think about the circumstances that surround these incidents. If someone is breaking into your house by means of a bedroom window, are you going to confront that person while standing in your kitchen, or are you going to enter the bedroom and confront that person before they're able to gain access into your home and harm your family? Think about the distances in your own home. If you entered a bedroom to confront someone who was entering through a window, what would the distance be?

Let's look at another situation. Is a mugger going to rob you from across the street, or is he going to get up close and

personal with you and stick his gun into your ribs as he's demanding your cash? He's going to close the distance as much as he can before he announces his intentions to rob you.

He does this for several reasons. One is so you don't get away. If a mugger was to yell, "Stick 'em up!" from across the street, all you'd have to do is turn and run. Secondly, he wants to intimidate you by getting in your face or getting in close to you. Another reason for getting in close is so he doesn't attract too much attention to himself and what he's doing if there are other people around.

We could discuss a whole host of other "what ifs," but the overriding factor in all of these incidents is that the distances are, and always will be, very close. With that being said, we need to establish a set of tactics or a course of action for you to take when you become involved in a lethal encounter at close distances. If a mugger approaches you with his gun drawn and demands your cash, your best course of action at this point may be to just give him your money, but things aren't always that