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How Time Flies

Well, we're running a few days late again but things have been happening so fast around the gun shop and school that time has been at a premium. Gun sales are up as are class registrations. We have also taken on a new Federal Protection Service firearms training contract with one of the largest federal contractors in the country with operations in 23 states. Wow, what a busy month we've had and what a busy future to look forward to.

Austin's Tennessee Firearms School Looking to Lease Land for a Range



We are still in search of a piece of property to lease on which we can develop a private firing range. If you know of anyone that would like to develop a fully functioning, fully maintained, PRIVATE firing range complete with covered firing points, written range Standard Operating Procedures, managed by a staff of fully certified NRA Range Safety Officers headed up by two fully accredited NRA Chief Range Safety Officers backed by \$1 Million in personal and property liability insurance, please have them get in touch with us.

Our requirements are simple; 100 yds. deep by 30 yds. wide, an impact area with a berm or backstop of dirt at least 16 feet high, use of the property 3 weekends per month primarily between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm. As part of the compensation package we offer free classes to the landowner and immediate family as well as ½ price arrangements to all extended family members. Of course we expect to pay a monetary consideration for the use of the property as well.

If you or anyone you know is interested in such an arrangement please contact us at 865.483.1108 during regular business hours or send an email to admin@firearmsclasses.com.

Hunting and Outdoor News



In each issue we like to bring you news for the hunters in the group. This issue we are talking about run-ins with black bears that hunters are liable to encounter when in the woods looking for turkey and white tail.

We also want to share some important dates with you regarding the opening and closing of different seasons

WHEN OUT IN THE WOODS THIS FALL BE CAUTIOUS IF YOU SHOULD COME ACROSS A BLACK BEAR

East Tennesseans have long known that black bears and humans can mix provided distance and caution is taken, but in recent weeks several bear sightings have occurred in areas lightly or otherwise uninhabited by bears for many decades.

Black bears generally have fear for people, but can be dangerous if surprised or in the company of a cub.

The information describes black bears and how best to keep them away from your home if you believe one has come into your general area.

Black bears are generally afraid of people and will usually head the other way when they see you. Black Bears can run up to 30 miles per hour and can climb trees.

Range: More common in the eastern US (including Tennessee—most commonly in East Tennessee), California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and Rocky Mountain states to Mexico. Also in Arkansas and SE Oklahoma.

Color: Varies from pure black to brown, cinnamon, or blonde; in the Rocky Mountains, approximately 50% are black with a light brown muzzle.

Height: About 3 ft. at the shoulder.

Weight: Male: 210-315 lbs.; Female: 135-160 lbs. These weights are averages. Black bears have been known to reach 600 pounds.

LIVING AROUND BEARS:

NEVER feed or give water to black bears. Be aware that human behaviors, such as feeding other animals, can attract black bears.

Remove garbage regularly or keep in bear-proof containers. Hide odors by regularly **cleaning garbage cans** with disinfectants, bleach or white vinegar. Or, wait to put trash out until collection day.

Double-bag your garbage and separate wet garbage.

If you leave your house, even briefly, **close your doors** and windows securely (not just the screen doors) and make sure no food is out where a

Contributors Wanted:

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admin@tngunshop.com

We'll review it and contact you if we think it is useful. Thank you for your time in reading our ezine.

When firearms go, all goes- we need them every hour.

-President George

Washington

Arms in the hands of citizens (may) be used at individual discretion ... in private self-defense.

-John Adams,
A defense of the
Constitutions of the
Government of the United
States of America (1778)

Oppressors can tyrannize only when they achieve a standing army, an enslaved press and a disarmed

bear can smell it. A bear went right through the screen door in our cabin to get at food left in the kitchen.

Don't leave food out where bears can see it. Bears have been reported to go through doors or windows to get at food which is visible.

Feed your pets inside or remove uneaten pet food between feedings.

Remove other enticing food sources, such as birdseed, hummingbird feed (sweet liquid), fruit from trees or shrubs located near buildings.

Don't leave trash, groceries, or animal feed in your car.

Don't leave any scented products outside, even non-food items such as suntan lotion, insect repellent, soap or candles; Bears will sample anything that smells good.

Keep bears away with bright lights, flashing white lights, and changes in the placement of scarecrows and similar objects. However, any frightening technique usually won't provide adequate long-term relief.

Clean outdoor cookers and coolers thoroughly after each use. Burn off any remaining food particles and scrub the grease from grills, smokers and other outdoor cookers. Or, store barbecue grills in a secure building.

Remove brush and cover around homes and corrals, creating a 50-yard barrier.

Other hunting notes:

1. Canada goose and Dove seasons opened on Labor Day.
2. WMA vacancy permits will go on sale on the 10th of September.
3. Wood duck/teal season opens at dawn on the 13th of the month.
4. Canada goose season closes on the 15th.
5. Wood duck/teal season closes at sunset on the 17th of September.

Free Clinic Days

Hey, just because we are making other arrangements for a range, don't forget about our Free Clinic days at the range. They are always on the Sunday after the second Saturday of the month and until further notice will be held at the Watershed range in Norris, Tennessee. They are open to all students and are a good opportunity to get in a little practice with your firearms whether they be pistols, rifles or shotguns. Unless there is a weather problem such as lightning, torrential down-pour or severe cold and/or blowing snow we will be at the range at 1:00 pm and will remain open until 5:00 pm. If the weather is "iffy" and you are unsure, call the school line at 865.483.1108 to be sure. Remember you must stop by the Police Department in Norris and register for range use and pay the \$15 range fee. Call the school or the Norris PD for directions.

populace.

-James Madison

The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed.

-Alexander Hamilton, The Federalist Papers

Accuracy is the product of consistency.

(Unknown)

BUGs Are a Good Thing

Two is one and one is none, so goes the Navy SEAL adage about redundancy in equipment. A second gun concealed on your person can be a lifesaver.

For years the BUG (Back-up Gun) has held a vital role in police officer safety and it works just as well for the average citizen. Unfortunately with the high-capacity pistols that many folks now carry, the practice has fallen out of favor. For both police and citizen use it is as tactically sound today as it was years ago.

Just this past June 2008 in Tampa Florida: Jorge Bello arrives at the home of his estranged wife, armed with a handgun. Bello sneaks into the home through the garage and shoots his wife, a male, and another female victim as they sit on the rear porch. Subsequent to the shooting, Bello's pick-up truck is stopped by two deputies. Bello immediately opens fire, hitting both officers. One of the wounded deputies takes cover in a ditch, but Bello attacks the officer, attempting to disarm him in what the local media report as a "life and death struggle." Fortunately, the deputy was able to thwart Bello's attack, and another deputy shot Bello in the head, killing him.

Officers that are disarmed are frequently murdered by their own weapon. What if Bello had disarmed the officer?

Reasons to Carry a BUG

The primary reasons to carry a back-up are:

- You are disarmed of your main firearm
- Your main firearm malfunctions and cannot be cleared
- You're in an extended gunfight in which all of your main firearm's ammunition has been expended

I suppose that since people have carried handguns, we have had to deal with these issues. From the days of flintlocks, when pirates would carry multiple handguns on cords around their necks while raiding ships, to Civil War troops on horseback who carried multiple revolvers, to Old West lawmen who carried a brace of Colts, up to police personnel of the past and current century, armed with six-shot revolvers, who carried a five-shooter in a pocket; in all that time, a second or back-up handgun has been a sound tactical decision. Of course, black powder revolvers were vastly less reliable than today's modern ammunition and semi-auto pistols, but the motivations to carry a BUG are still as credible today as they were in the past.. Yes, I know that we should be aware of our environments and no one is going to get the drop on us. Yes, I know that well made modern holsters have reduced gun takeaways. Yes, you have trained OR SHOULD HAVE trained in handgun retention techniques and yes I know that you may carry a pocket knife as a last chance implement. I know all of that, but I also know that at any moment you can be attacked and disarmed of your handgun in a fight for your life! I also know that a concealed back-up gun is a better life-saving instrument than a knife or shaking a fist at your assailant in defiance.

What to Carry

God is not on the side of the big battalions, but on the side of those who shoot best.

-Voltaire

We didn't love freedom enough. And even more -- we had no awareness of the real situation. We spent ourselves in one unrestrained outburst in 1917, and then we hurried to submit. We submitted with pleasure! We purely and simply deserved everything that happened afterward."

For police officers, carrying a smaller frame version of their duty pistol makes the most sense. If they carry a Glock 17 or 19, and the smaller model 26 makes sense. If they are carrying a Sig P220 as a duty pistol, they may choose to carry the smaller P220 Compact as back-up. This is not always reasonable for civilian use.

For the most part I wouldn't recommend small caliber pistols like .22s or .25s as back-up guns. If you're reaching for a BUG, you're in dire straits and while these "mouse guns" are certainly better than throwing rocks and sticks, they really don't have the more immediate ability to stop a threat like the larger calibers. The smallest I would carry would be a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol such as a Seecamp or Beretta Tomcat. The small frame .38 caliber revolvers are great for this as well. Although the wheel gun has fallen out of favor with today's buying public, five shot revolvers from Smith, Colt, Taurus or other reputable manufacturers have a lot going for them. All of them can be carried unobtrusively in a front trouser pocket. One note of caution here though, the "airweight" models, while more comfortable for carry due to their lighter weight, do not absorb the recoil as well as the steel models so you are less likely to practice with them.

Where to Carry

We've already mentioned pocket carry. I wouldn't carry a small pistol or revolver loose in your pocket, however. Many holster manufacturers like Uncle Mike's, Safariland, Bianchi and DeSantis among others are specifically designed to carry the pistol secure in the pocket, in a position for proper draw. I used to personally prefer the DeSantis Nemesis and always thought that improving on that would be difficult until DeSantis came up with the new "Super Fly" model which I highly recommend. The exterior of the Super Fly is made of an extremely "grippy" material and absolutely won't slip around in the pocket. It also has a flap that makes the whole rig look more like a wallet. The flap can be removed altogether or reversed for left or right hand pocket carry. It is up to you to decide if the back-up piece should be carried in the gun side front pocket or support side.

Then there are ankle holsters and holsters designed to be secured to your boot. I've never been fond of this type of carry, based on practical experience. You pretty much have to go to a knee or be on your back to access your firearm. That being said, there are secure designs in ankle holsters to provide this option should you so choose.

Practice with Your BUG

In the excellent training tape *Psyche of Survival* produced by the ATF years ago, one of the officers in the tape recounts a shootout and mentions that he had indeed had a back-up gun on his person and could have used it during the shooting but didn't. The problem was that he had not trained to draw his BUG under actual conditions. Such was not the case when an Alabama deputy was taken to the ground and disarmed of his duty pistol a few years ago. The incident, which was captured on his dashboard camera, shows the attack and disarming. Fortunately the deputy carried a small back-up pistol in an extra cuff case on his duty belt. After the suspect disarmed him and raised the pistol, which was knocked out of battery during the struggle, the deputy drew his back-up piece, shot and killed his assailant.

The difference in performance is the training that went into learning to draw the BUG and deliver threat-stopping accurate fire with it. You should practice drawing your back up firearm with either hand. Whether you carry

- Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn

A woman who demands further gun control legislation is like a chicken who roots for Colonel Sanders.

- Larry Elder

Formerly we suffered from crimes; now we suffer from laws.

- Publius Cornelius Tacitus

in the pants pocket, in an ankle holster, a jacket pocket or wherever, practice the draw so that you gain the muscle memory that can be reverted to under stress. That means practice and more practice to get your body and brain prepared for the act.

In Conclusion

Most of us wouldn't dream of driving out of town without a spare tire. Mr. Murphy of Murphy's Law fame would, without a doubt appear to ensure that we had a flat in the worst part of the town. BUGs are like spare tires--I'd rather have it and not need it, than need it and not have it. For thousands of years warriors from the Scottish Highlands to Japan's Samurai carried smaller knives to supplement their battle swords. There was a reason then and there is a reason now for back-up weapons. So when things are really bad don't ever give up--BUG 'em.



Here is A Good Defensive Pistol Drill Set for you

Materials needed:

- Handgun
- 100 rounds of target grade ammunition
- Two 9" paper plates or an IDPA or IPSIC target
- Masking tape or target pasters.

On an IDPA or IPSC silhouette target. You may also use two paper plates placed one above the other on the target backer.

At 5 or 7 yards. Begin from the ready position.

6 + 6 + 6 single shots to the A zone (center mass) or bottom plate if using paper plates) of the target.

6 single shots to the head or top plate.

6 + 6 + 6 double taps to the A zone (center mass) or bottom plate if using paper plates) of the target.

3 double taps to the head or top plate..

6 round "Bill Drills" – rapid fire string, as fast as you can go.

Ideally, 80% or 5 shots out of 6 should be in the A zone (center mass) or bottom plate if using paper plates)

Tape the target after each string. Repeat 3 times (18 rounds)

Out of Battery Reload Practice – load each of your magazines with two rounds each.

Shoot 2 + 2 + 2. Repeat 2 times (12 rounds).

Note: If using a revolver exchange the word magazine with the word speedloader.

6 rounds strong hand only

6 rounds weak hand only

I'm getting a little tired of politicians trying to prove how 'moderate' and 'centrist' they are by taking more of my money and freedom. Where's this center -- somewhere between Lenin and Stalin?

- Ann Coulter

Gun bans disarm victims, putting them at the mercy of murderers or terrorists who think nothing of breaking the gun laws.
-Michael Badnarik

Six USA Shooters Win Medals in Beijing

Six United States athletes won medals at the 2008. Beijing Olympic Games. Vincent Hancock, 19, of Eatonton, Georgia, captured the gold in men's skeet, beating Tore Brovold of Norway in a shoot off. Hancock, a world champion and member of the US Army marksmanship unit, hit 121 of 125 targets during qualification, which set an Olympic record. He then shot 24 of 25 in the final to tie Brovold, who shot a perfect 25. Both shooters broke their first pair in the first shoot off, but Brovold missed one in the second, and Hancock broke both to claim the gold.

Glenn Eller, of Katy, Texas, won the gold medal and set two Olympic records in men's doubles trap. Eller, also a member of the US Army marksmanship unit, shot 145 targets during the qualification round, setting an Olympic record. After missing his first pair in the final, he ended up breaking 45 targets for a total score of 190, another Olympic record.

Kim Rhode, of El Monte, California, captured her fourth career Olympic medal by taking silver in women's skeet. She shot 70 of 75 targets in the preliminaries, which tied her for third. She broke 23 of 25 targets in the final to put her in a three-way tie for the first at 93 with Italy's Chiara Cainero and Germany's Christine Brinker. In the shoot off, Rhode and Brinker each missed a target on their first pair, but Cainero hit both, giving her the gold. Rhode, then hit both targets to claim the silver over Brinker, who missed one of two.

Matt Eamon's a Browns Mills, New Jersey, won his second career Olympic medal when he took the silver in the men's 50 m prone rifle event. The men's, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist in prone, fired 597 out of a possible 600 points and entered the final in second behind Ukraine's Artur Ayyacian, who shot 599. Emmons, finishing with 701.7 to claim the silver medal.

Jason Turner of Rochester, New York, was awarded a bronze medal in the 10 m air pistol competition after Kim Jong Su of North Korea was disqualified for a positive drug test. Corey Cogdell of Eagle River, Alaska broke 86 targets to take a bronze medal in women's skeet.

A Little Humor to Knock the Edge Off

Poor Ol' Billy Bob

Four friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of a ten-point buck.

"Where's Billy Bob?"

"Billy Bob had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail."

"You left Billy Bob laying out there and carried the deer back?"

"A tough call," nodded the hunter "but I figured no one, in their right mind, is going to steal Billy Bob."

The old buck and young buck

There was this old buck and a young buck standing on top of a ridge overlooking a lush meadow. Grazing in the meadow below were about 20 unsuspecting doe.

The young buck said to the old buck "Why don't we run down to the meadow and have our way with one of those doe".

The old buck turns to the young buck and replied "Why don't we WALK down to the meadow and have our way with them all".

Moral of the story "With age comes wisdom".

A Rare Hare

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car.

The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit.

Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead.

The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it."

The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can.

She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit.

The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road.

Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight.

The man is astonished.

He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?"

The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label.

It says...

(Are you ready for this?)

(Are you sure?)

(This is bad!)

(It's definitely a Blonde Joke!)

(You know you're gonna be sorry)

(OK, here it is)

It says,

"Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair, and adds a permanent wave."

In Closing

We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of **Bullet Points**. The next issue will appear in your inbox in the third week of August. We'll be back in the first week and the third week of every month with helpful shooting tips, news you can use and a joke or two. Until then, stay safe.

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