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Guns are dangerous

Buckeye, AZ --(Ammoland.com)-
In all of the hype and hullabaloo between gun groups and anti-gun groups, one thing that should not ever be forgotten is that guns can be very dangerous if not handled properly.

For people like my family, gun safety is ingrained from birth – possibly passed down genetically – and then reinforced on a constant basis. But even so, it's easy to make a mistake, and one momentary slip with a gun can have devastating, permanent consequences.

That's why it's so important to maintain a constant state of healthy fear – not fear of the gun, but fear of letting yourself become complacent and failing to follow the very simple, but inviolable, Four Rules of gun safety:

- Always treat every gun as if it's loaded – even when you think it's not.
- Never ever allow a gun to point at anything you are not willing to kill or destroy.
- Never let your finger enter the trigger guard until you're on target and ready to shoot.
- Always be sure of your target and what's beyond it before you touch the trigger.

Being an activist, advocate, and writer in the field of firearms and firearms law, I pay close attention to news and research regarding guns and gun injuries, and it seems that I've been seeing more



reports of people – especially children – injuring or killing themselves or someone else by mishandling a firearm. I hope it's just an increase in the way these things are reported, not an actual increase in incidents – as is the case with “mass shootings.” Nonetheless, it is a matter of concern. Unintentional firearm-related injuries and deaths have been going down steadily for decades and we don't want to see any slowing of that trend; even one is too many.

With the recent introduction of Mike Bloomberg's new group, Everytown for Gun Safety – which of course has nothing whatsoever to do with gun safety, and everything to do with old-fashioned gun control – along with the dramatic increase in firearm ownership around the country over the past

several years, the need for gun owners and lovers of liberty to redouble efforts to improve firearm safety education is clear. Poor gun handling doesn't just hurt the people involved and those who care about them. These incidents are used by groups like the Bloomies to increase pressure for government intervention – usually in the form of additional restrictions on firearm ownership. Proposed “solutions” include such things as “safe storage” mandates, mandatory training classes, and physical changes to guns themselves, such as built in locks, magazine disconnects, and so-called “smart-gun” technology.

I, like almost all gun owners, am a strong advocate of responsible storage of firearms and training

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in both safety and competency. I also support innovation in internal safety systems, including systems that can efficiently recognize “authorized users” and disable guns in unauthorized hands. Where I have a problem is the government mandating of any of this sort of technology. It is the individual’s responsibility to learn and practice safe handling, and to make sure that their firearms are kept in a manner that keeps them away from unauthorized people, especially unsupervised children. It is also the individual’s responsibility to choose what features and technology he or she wants included in a gun. Historically, government mandates have resulted in government abuse. In New Jersey, the mere discussion of “smart-gun” technology led the legislature to pass a law requiring that once such technology became available, any guns not equipped with it would become illegal for sale in the state. That law has made “smart-gun” a dirty word within the firearms community. Things like “user recognition,” magazine disconnects – which disable a gun when the magazine is removed – and internal safety locks can malfunction or operate in a way that makes the gun unusable in an emergency. Only the user has the right to decide whether a particular feature is an asset or a liability for the expected use of the firearm. It is significant that law enforcement experts and line officers have roundly rejected incorporation of most of these “safety” features in their duty weapons. They understand that their life and safety depends on the firearms functioning flawlessly whenever called upon, and they are not willing to compromise that functionality for the sake

of political correctness. Neither am I.



The Bloomies of Everytown have been flooding the internet with heart wrenching video ads blaming “the gun lobby” for firearm tragedies and suggesting that only legislation can prevent ignorant children from accessing the guns of irresponsible gun owners. Their campaign boils down to the idea that these people who store their guns irresponsibly – without concern for their children – will change their behavior if you pass a law. And these same people invariably oppose even voluntary education of children in the basics of firearm safety, like the NRA’s Eddie Eagle Gun Safe program which teaches the simple message that “If you find a gun, Stop! Don’t touch! Leave the area! Tell an adult!” The Bloomies and their allies do nothing to promote gun safety, but instead use “gun safety” as a bludgeon for beating up the very people who actually teach gun safety. It is possible that some new firearm owners don’t take advantage of available training opportunities because of the vilification of the NRA and gun safety programs by politicians and the media. For decades gun owners have been doing the responsible thing, learning, obeying, and sharing the rules of gun safety, and reducing firearm-related deaths and injuries. It is up to all of us to keep that trend going by seeking training, encouraging training, teaching age

appropriate firearm safety to all of our children – whether they are expected to ever actually handle firearms or not – and by always, actively practicing the four rules of gun safety whenever we handle firearms. For information on training opportunities in your area, ask your neighborhood gun shop or visit www.Training.NRA.org or www.NSSF.org/Safety. Too many people rely on movies and television for their firearm training. Sales clerks in gun stores are also notorious for rule breaking – something the industry needs to work on. (Photo courtesy of The Walking Dead, AMC)

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The Firearms Coalition is a loose-knit coalition of individual Second Amendment activists, clubs and civil rights organizations. Founded by Neal Knox in 1984, the organization provides support to grassroots activists in the form of education, analysis of current issues, and with a historical perspective of the gun rights movement. The Firearms Coalition is a project of Neal Knox Associates, Manassas, VA.



Skill Set: Peaks and Valleys in Your Shooting

by Tiger McKee

Keeping things interesting and enjoyable is key to making progress in your skills. Reading and research is a great thing to include with your regular training and practice.

The study of fighting with firearms is like any other art; in the beginning the learning curve is steep, but for most people it eventually begins to flatten out. The secret is to maintain a climbing curve, constantly learning and growing. There will always be small fluctuations, peaks and valleys, but with discipline and focus it's possible for this art to be a life-long journey. The key is keeping your studies interesting and enjoyable. When you first began seriously studying firearms you probably attended a class. During this first

instruction you discovered a new, undiscovered world. You received an introduction on how to properly draw your pistol, learned about combative marksmanship, how to manipulate the weapon, including reloads and malfunctions, and the basics of responding to a threat such as movement and communication. Everything was new and the curve was steep.

After your first class you went to the range to practice. Hopefully you also worked in dry practice, performing the repetitions necessary to actually learn these new skills. But probably, at some point you began to lose interest. The new had become boring.

At this point you likely attended another course, maybe a more advanced class. The curve rises again. There are things like multiple targets, low-light skills, or something like vehicle defense. Along with these skills you were introduced to advanced tactics and strategies. Now you had more new skills to work on and strategies and principles to consider. Practice became interesting again, and you spent more time working dry practice and live-fire drills on the range. If you were lucky you had a training partner to work with, which always makes things more interesting and enjoyable.

Chances are this cycle of training, attending classes, and practice, working on the new skills, continued, which isn't a bad thing. The problem with most people is that over time even this cycle becomes old, boring and routine. The curve begins to flatten out; progress becomes static. So, how do you pick the curve up again?

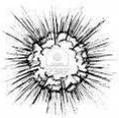
Eventually you have to go from the larger picture to focusing on

the small fine details. For example there isn't any secret technique that reduces your empty reload by a second or second and a half. However, you can cut out a quarter of a second on getting the empty mag out and acquiring a fresh mag. Additional fractions of a second can be saved here and there until you've removed all excessive motion and time from the reloading sequence. The devil's in the details, and focusing on the smaller aspects makes training and practice interesting and enjoyable again.

Learning how the brain and body function together is another subject to examine. The psychology of performance is an area that is interesting, improves the quality of your threat response, plus many of the things you learn can be applied to a variety of different areas in your life.

"One cannot enjoy doing the same thing at the same level for long," states Mihaly Csikszentihalyi in *Flow, The Psychology Of Optimal Experience*. "We grow either bored or frustrated;" he adds "and then the desire to enjoy ourselves again pushes us to stretch our skills, or to discover new opportunities for using them." This is the key, keeping things interesting, always looking at ways to improve, while at the same time finding enjoyment in your journey.

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Blast From the Past

Do you recognize this gung-ho soldier on duty in Korea in the '60's?



Record Numbers Visited the Outdoors Last Year

(Ammoland.com)- A record number of Americans participated in at least one outdoor activity in 2013 with nearly 50 percent of all Americans ages six and older enjoying the outdoors.

That percentage equates to 142.6 million American outdoor participants. Although the number of participants rose, the percentage of participants fell slightly from 49.4 percent in 2012 to 49.2 percent in 2013, due to population increase.

These findings are part of The Outdoor Foundation's 2014 Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report, the leading report tracking American participation trends in outdoor recreation with a focus on youth, young adults and the future of the outdoors.

Compared to 2012, participation in outdoor activities increased or remained flat among youth and young adults – signaling a positive trend in America's inactivity crisis. The participation rate among children ages six to 12 rose one percentage point to 64 percent. Participation among young adults ages 18 to 24 also rose one point to 58 percent, while hard-to-reach adolescents, ages 13 to 17, remained flat at 60 percent.

Young participants were slightly more diverse in 2013 than they were in 2012, thanks to increased Hispanic participation. Hispanic participation increased from eight percent in 2012 to 10 percent in 2013. Also, young females are now participating in outdoor activities at the same rate as young males. Since 2008, males had outpaced females in outdoor recreation par-



ticipation.

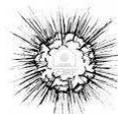
“We are particularly encouraged by the increase in active young people, which reflects nationwide efforts to re-engage and re-inspire America's youth to get outdoors,” said Christine Fanning, executive director of The Outdoor Foundation. “Through our Outdoor Nation initiative, the Foundation and its partners will continue to empower youth and young adults to lead the growing outdoor movement, inspiring a new generation of outdoor enthusiasts and committed stewards.”

The Topline Report is based on an online survey of more than 19,000 Americans ages six and older and covers 114 different outdoor activities, making it the largest survey of its kind. To download a complete copy of the 2014 Outdoor Recreation Topline Participation Report,



visit The Outdoor Foundation website at <http://www.outdoorfoundation.org/research>.

About the Outdoor Foundation
The Outdoor Foundation is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and growing future generations of outdoor leaders and enthusiasts. Through groundbreaking research, youth engagement and empowerment and effective grant-making, the Foundation works with young leaders and partners to mobilize a major cultural shift that leads all Americans to the great outdoors. In 2010, the Foundation launched Outdoor Nation, a pioneering initiative that empowers young leaders to champion the outdoors on campuses and in communities across the United States.



Blast From the Past

It's Bill Bierbach, longtime CCGC member!



Door Access Upgrades Being Tested

The electronic door access system cards have begun to fail. Although the hardware and software have been updated and will use the old cards, it seems the cards are simply getting old. Recent upgrades are working properly, but everyone who comes to the Club must make certain they can access the

Club facilities as needed. In order to insure your access, we ask you to scan your card EVERY time you enter the club, even if you are with someone who has scanned their badge and opened the door ahead of you. This will insure your card is still working correctly. If you do come to the Club and

your card fails, you will not be able to access the Club until the card can be replaced, which may take some time. If you encounter any issues with the card reading system, contact **Bill Spinuzzi** at **303-549-0424**. His contact information is also on both entry doors.



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Just Jawin' - Brownell's

It's All a Matter of Taste

One day a Park Ranger was walking through the woods, when he spied a primitive-looking guy squatting next to a small fire cooking a meal on a short stick. Visiting with him, the Ranger found that the man had been living on his own in the woods for over twenty years, totally separated from civilization, and the Ranger was the first human he'd seen in all that time. The Ranger casually asked the hermit what he was cooking. The man smiled and said, "Oh, one of my very favorite foods, peregrine falcon. I eat it every chance I get."

The Ranger got very excited, and told him that the peregrine falcon was an endangered species, illegal to kill and eat, and as a Park Ranger, he must arrest him. The hermit begged the Ranger not to turn him in, as he could not survive in civilized society, let alone in a prison. The Ranger finally relented with a stern warning that the hermit never harm another peregrine falcon, to which the hermit agreed. As the Ranger was leaving, his curiosity finally overcame him. "I've got to know," he asked, "what does a peregrine falcon taste like?" "It's hard to say," said the hermit, "sort of in-between a spotted owl and a bald eagle."

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS???



This is a **Backstop Damage Eliminator Device (BDED)**, also known as a "Laser Pointer". You will see these commonly used during presentations.

This is one of the simplest ways to determine if you are correctly hanging your target at the height that will not cause any bullet hits in the "RED" backstop area, the "CEILING", or the "FLOOR".

When you set your target at the height and distance you plan on shooting, take about 15 seconds and use your BDED, standing, sitting, on a rest, or whatever position you choose. Point the BDED at the target and then move it off the target to see where your bullets are going to go once they go through the target.

Oh, yea, surprise, guess what? The targets do not stop the bullets! The backstop stops the bullets, or the ceiling, or the floor, or the mechanical hanging system. If you do not believe it, take a stroll down range sometime when it is safe and look for yourself.

Remember, we are all owners of this fine facility and it takes ALL of us to be aware of the fact that one person's damage does affect all of us.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” (‘Citizenship in a Republic’, 23 April 1910)

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| <p>Cherry Creek Gun Club General Meeting September 12, 2014</p> <p>Present – Jim Bailey, Mike Thomas, Gary Trisdale, Tom DeHerrera, Bill Spinuzzi, John Buglovsky</p> <p>Absent – Jack Orischak, Jack Priest, Peter Dickson, Clark Calve</p> <p>Members wishing to speak - None</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call meeting to order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Presentation of guests - None 4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting - Approved 5. Board/Committee Reports Bill Spinuzzi – 574 members, | <p>100% NRA compliance Money collection for renewals needs to be determined between Bill, Jack O. and John B. – will e-mail them with his thoughts</p> <p>6. Correspondence Jim Bailey – Fire Marshal inspection reported a few minor things that had to be fixed, extinguisher should be check</p> <p>7. Old Business</p> <p>8. New business Mike Thomas – seeking permission of Board to approve pursuing Brett Denison, CCGC member and firearms instructor to teach 1) NRA Pistol, 2) Personal Protection In the Home, 3) Personal Protection Outside the</p> | <p>Home, and 4) Range Safety Officer courses at CCGC. Course details and liability insurance are available for September Board Meeting. – OK to proceed, will arrange a meeting with the Board to discuss courses and insurance Gary Trisdale – lot of Juniors participating right now, especially Thursday nights with over 18 shooting. Tom DeHerrera – removed calendar twice at member’s request from West Range Jim Bailey – Nominating Committee is needed for 2015 Elections</p> <p>9. Adjourn</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Michael Thomas, Secretary</p> |
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Cherry Creek Gun Club Board Meeting September 26, 2014

Present – Jim Bailey, Jack Orischak, Jack Pierce, Tom DeHerrera, Clark Calve, Bill Spinuzzi, Pete Dickson (late)

Absent – Mike Thomas, Gary Trisdale John Buglovsky

Members wishing to speak **Bill Bierbach** – Talked about the Tube air conditioner. From years ago suggested cutting a hole in the wall and installing a window type swamp cooler. Jack Orischak wants to do it. Bill Spinuzzi needs to have security measures once the wall is breached, including bars and the like.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Presentation of Guests/Allow Members to Speak
Richard Saba, Titan LED – discuss estimate to replace all bulbs in club with LEDs (with Jack Priest) Presentation was given, including a handout. Jack Pierce will get additional evaluations for LED replacements from other companies.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
5. Board/Committee Reports
Bill Spinuzzi - 2014 Membership numbers – 573 members, 2 new apps to be voted on at next meeting
NRA Compliance – 100% compliance
2015 Renewal numbers – 118 renewals received, 2 resignations, 1 Centennial shooting club better suits his needs, the second one moved and the club is not good based on where he moved to

Pete Dickson - financial overview of the club's income and expenses for Jan-Aug 2014 – presented P & L talked about a discrepancy in 2014 funds.

6. Correspondence

7. Old Business
Bill Spinuzzi - Discuss BOD membership fee suggestion – presented the suggestions, BOD would like to see this put into a **Potshots** and voted on at a membership meeting.

Present 3 members for Emeritus Membership – **John Kronfeld**, **Steve Locatelli**, and **Tom Thrush**-all were accepted as Emeritus Memberships. New 2015 renewal forms will be mailed out reflecting the change.

8. New business
Jim Bailey – Nominating Committee for 2015 Board Elections – Clark Calve, John Lee, Chuck Towne

The nominating committee asked for our door access to see who is using the club the most to consider contacting to be board members.

It was also asked to do a **Potshots** asking members if they would like to be considered on the ballot for a BOD position.

Cunningham Fire Dept contacted us and needed to know the status of the items found and need to visit and recheck the items. Clark Calve said that has all been taken care of.

Jim Bailey - With the potential of land sales around the club, our property taxes will probably be going up in the next few years

Jack Orischak – checked with a lawyer and got the information about what his opinion was. Jack will bring the writeup to the next

meeting.

9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Bill Spinuzzi, substituting for Michael Thomas

CCGC members need an e-mail address

CCGC is trying to advance its ability to communicate with the membership. It is imperative that you have an e-mail on record with us.

We need to know we can effectively communicate in a timely manner with all our members.

You can drop a message in the Guest Fee slot on the vault door where it will be picked up and sent on.

You can join the NRA or renew your membership just by clicking the NRA logo to the left. Right now, your one-year membership through this link will be discounted by \$10*.

All CCGC members must be NRA members, and joining through this link helps support the club and its activities.



** As of March 30, 2008. The discount is offered by the NRA and is subject to change at any time without notice.*

<http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?campaignid=XC018056>

October - November 2014

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