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🎄 **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!** 🎄

Welcome to our last 2010 issue of the Gunner. We have had a lot of fun this year with it, and we hope you have enjoyed the articles. 2010 was sort of a “grounding” year for us, and we plan a lot of expansion for 2011. As you can see from our upcoming class schedule, we are going to attempt to do a few CCW classes up until May. I keep getting people stating that they want them, but so far the registration for this class has been nil, or only one student. Since most people seem to be carrying under Constitutional Carry, I might simply convert these classes to “Legal Issues Regarding Self Defense” or something of the sort. I still believe this training is vitally necessary for anyone using a firearm for self defense.

You can also see we are moving to more tactical classes. This was always my goal, and you will see more and more training being offered to active civilians, military, and law enforcement personnel who feel they need more than the standard training they get. If you, or someone you know is interested in this type of training, you need to get signed on to the “Intro” level classes, as they will be **pre-requisites** for the more advanced classes coming mid summer.

I want to thank all of my former students for your patronage and allowing me to build a business I have been wanting for a lot of years. I never forget that the whole point of this is you, the student.

Finally, I want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Johnnie Mock

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Our upcoming class schedule

Arizona Concealed Carry (CCW)
Jan 15, Mar 12, and May 14, 2011

NRA Basic Pistol
Jan 29, 2011

Intro to Defensive Pistol
Feb 26, 2011

Intro to Kalashnikov (AK) Series Rifles
Mar 26, 2011

Intro to Defensive Shotgun
April 23, 2011

NRA Personal Protection in the Home
May 28, 2011

For more information and to register, please visit our website at:

www.azwctl.com

Please note: If you see a class you want, but the scheduled date is inconvenient, it is possible to schedule a special class of 4 or more student to a date more convenient.

Contact me for details at: **awsl@mindspring.com**

Equipment Review:

Gerber *Diesel* Multi-Tool



I have carried and used Gerber knives and products for over 40 years, starting with my Gerber MarkII knife I carried in Vietnam. (I still have and occasionally use it). I have never been disappointed. Gerber makes a fine line of multi-tools, as well as fine knives. Gerber was one of the innovators of the multi-tool concept, and continue to constantly update their line. The *Diesel* is a fine addition to their line.

Components include: Needlenose pliers, wire cutter, partially serrated knife blade, cross point screwdriver, small, medium and large flat blade screwdrivers, can opener, bottle opener, file, saw and scissors.

The Saf.T.Plus™ locking system keeps tools in place for maximum safety and security.

Specifications:

Overall Length: 6.61"

Closed Length: 4.92"

Weight: 9.00 oz.

Stainless Steel – Satin

Sheath: Nylon

Features

- One-handed opening pliers
- Inboard tools
- Patented Saf.T.Plus tool locking feature
- Includes lifetime limited warranty

I carry one of these in the Jeep along with the rest of my survival kit. They are available in most sporting good stores or online at: www.gerberstore.com

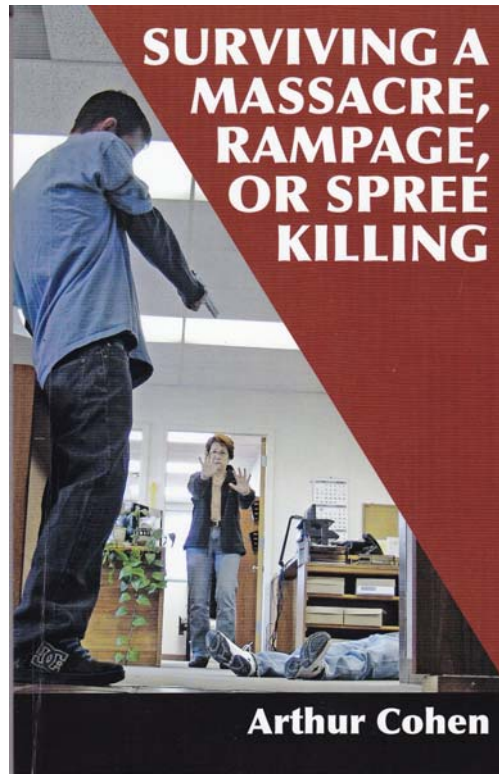
Book Review:

Surviving a Massacre, Rampage, or Spree Killing

Arthur Cohen

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We live in a dangerous world. And WE live in a potentially VERY dangerous part of the world. “Active Shooter“ is the term that federal law enforcement uses to describe some deranged individual who goes into a crowded area and begins murdering people. Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Ft. Hood are only recent incidents that made the major news. Not a week goes by that a serious incident like this doesn’t occur somewhere in the U.S. And Europe. And Asia. What makes these types of incident doubly dangerous is the fact that most of these murderous shootings are committed by people who do not plan to survive it themselves. Instead of “Suicide Bombers“ they are “Suicide Shooters“. **Having a CCW and carrying isn’t the total solution. There are a vast number of places where you cannot carry,** and many of them are crowded with potential victims. These include schools, most workplaces, theaters, shopping malls, churches, ect.

So if you find yourself in the middle of a shooting spree, what do you do?

The author, Professor Arthur Cohen, is an internationally known personal safety expert, and this is one of the few texts that are available to the subject.

Part one of the book is dedicated to defining the problem. He explores the intricacies of what, who, why, and how these people commit these crimes.

Part two is the practical part that describes how to survive this type of killing spree. Chapters include

Understanding Stress and Survival, What it Takes to Survive, Recognizing the Danger, Survival Tips, Strategies, and Tactics, Suggestions for the Educational Community, and Suggestions for the Law Enforcement Community. I highly recommend this book for any thinking person concerned with the safety of themselves and their family. Available from Paladin press at: www.paladin-press.com

Note: I teach an approximately two hour seminar entitled “Surviving the Active Shooter“ based on the same concepts in this book. If you would be interested in having this seminar put on for your business, church, civic group, or other organization, please contact me.

Shooting Fundamentals:

Selecting Ammunition for the Defensive Pistol

Last month we discussed selecting a self defense handgun for either concealed carry or home defense. Revolver, or various models of automatic, we also mentioned that the handgun is, in reality, a poor defensive weapon compared to a rifle or shotgun. However, it has the advantages of being small, light, concealable, and more likely to be with you when you need it. But the handgun is only *half* of the equation. The other half is the ammunition you use in it. If you have been around gun people, gun ranges, gun stores, or have done a lot of gun reading, you know that there is a lot of controversy still about caliber. There are still those who maintain that only a .45ACP is adequate while others maintain that 9mm Para, and the .40 cal are suitable. These arguments had validity back in the days when military, round nosed full metal jacket bullets were what was available. And in a military situation where I have to use this type of ammo, I would pick .45ACP over 9mm Para. But as civilians, we are not handicapped by the Geneva Convention in selecting defensive loads for our handguns. Most of the major ammunition manufacturers have developed highly effective jacketed hollow point defense specific loads in the most popular calibers. So how do you logically select the right ammo for your handgun? Let do tis by logical steps.

1. As you are trying out various handguns at store where you can rent and shoot them, try different calibers.
2. As your handgun choices narrow, select the largest caliber you can effectively handle.
3. Keep in mind that ammo capacity (the number of rounds the handgun will hold before reloading) usually diminishes as caliber size gets larger. High capacity could be an issue if facing multiple targets.
4. Find an inexpensive load (usually military style full metal jacket) that works reliably in your handgun to use for your normal shooting practice.
5. Buy a box each of a couple or three brands of defensive ammo such as Corbon DPX, Winchester Supreme Elite, Remington Golden Saber, or Federal Premium Personal Defense and test them in your handgun.
6. What you want is a load that functions *reliably* in your particular pistol. This is the MOST important criteria. A secondary consideration is the amount of muzzle flash any load creates in your handgun in low light level situation.

By using the criteria we have discussed to select the right handgun/load combination that is right for you, the only thing left to do is TRAIN!

Parting Shot:

Joe Foss Range

One of the reasons I moved to Arizona after nearly 6 years overseas was the availability of opportunities to both shoot and teach small arms. Arizona is a gun friendly state. After settling in Goodyear, I began exploring available ranges. Ben Avery is an excellent facility, but a seriously long drive from anywhere in the western part of the valley. Then I found Joe Foss Range near Buckeye.

The range is basically owned by Maricopa County, but with the budget restraints they have no money to pay anyone to run it. It is run and operated by the Buckeye Sportsman's Club. When you shoot on the range, all of the range personnel you see in the yellow vests are **unpaid volunteers**. They volunteer to spend their Friday, Saturday, or Sunday running the range so that the public in the West Valley has a safe and efficient place to shoot. Without these volunteers, this range would be closed to the public, and it has come close to that on a few occasions. I have spent 12 Saturdays this year as a volunteer helping to run the range. There is a small group of folks who are always counted on to help keep the range open, and **they could sure use some help**.

You **don't** have to be a member of the club to be a volunteer. There is a short class you must attend, and then you can help run the line. Besides the satisfaction of helping keep this fine facility (which was built with your tax dollars) open, you get to shoot free one day for every day you work. Plus, you get to meet some really fine folks.

If you think you would like to spend some of your volunteer time helping to keep the only decent shooting facility in the western part of the valley open, you can contact them at: <http://www.joefossrange.com/>

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The reader should understand that training with firearms is potentially dangerous if done improperly and that he alone is responsible for his actions.