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A Message from Scott:

“Rather than a question and answer section I will proffer the following concerning any training that you may conduct on your own. Always seek the cleanest lines possible in anything you attempt. Make these as simple and succinct as possible. Work towards smoothness and the speed will then follow. Be very circumspect when adopting any technique and question whether it is realistic and proven rather than the opposite. Gunfights are tangled affairs and the simpler end is generally the better end.

We are embarking to Europe to train police, military and civilian groups while you read this. Brett and I always manage to make the trips part business and part pleasure. We love the museums and archeological sites and historical places as well as the everyday activities of the countries we travel to.”

Some Upcoming classes of noteworthiness:

Low level Light All Movement Class on July 11-13. We will be working on the knife attack system, the mover, the hostage target and will focus on problem-solving and shooting techniques from within, around and into vehicles.

http://www.internationaltactical.com/class_detail.asp?CSID=310

All Women’s Defensive Handgun on July 26-27

This two-day course is designed to increase the situational awareness of potentially dangerous situations for women in the home, automobile and outside the home. Students will leave the class with a better understanding of how to avoid becoming a victim and how to protect themselves and their family from a home invasion or other critical situation. An EMT will conduct a short course on first aid. http://www.internationaltactical.com/class_detail.asp?CSID=300

Carbine/Handgun in Placerville, CA on Sept 15-17

http://www.internationaltactical.com/class_detail.asp?CSID=305

Please note that our office will be closed from June 4-June 22. You may reach us by email at itts@gte.net . The best way to sign up for classes is by going on line on our website and signing up with Paypal. We look forward to seeing you when we return. Happy Father’s Day on June 15th!

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Courses Coming up Soon:

June 28-29

Vehicle Assaults/Stops

July 11-13

Low Level Light All Movement

July 19-20

Defensive Handgun II

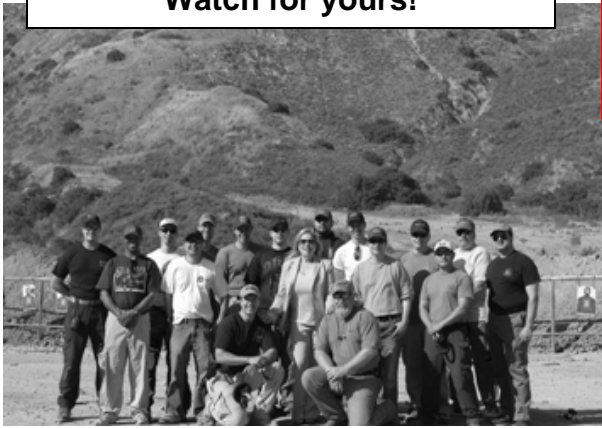
July 26-27

All Women’s Handgun

August 1-3

Tactical Carbine

Most months we will have photos
from classes
Watch for yours!



Defensive Handgun I Class May 2008



Shotgun Class May 2008



Night Shoot Shotgun May 2008

2008 Course Schedule

June 3-20	European Classes
June 27	Private instruction
June 28-29	*Vehicle Assaults/Stops
July 11-13	Low Level Light-All Movement NEW
July 18	Private Instruction
July 19-20	Defensive Handgun II
July 26-27	All Women's Defensive Handgun NEW
August 1-3	Tactical Carbine
August 8-10	Defensive Handgun III
August 19-21	*Rifle/Handgun in Clackamas, Oregon
September 2-12	European Classes again
September 13-14	Defensive Handgun I
September 15-17	*Carbine/Handgun in Placerville, CA
September 19-21	Advanced Handgun Series
September 25-28	SWAT Camp – NEW
October 4-5	Defensive Handgun II
October 11-12	Couple's Class – NEW
October 17-19	Problem-Solving Tactics in Atlanta, GA
October 21-23	Class in Boston, MA
November 7-9	Defensive Handgun III
November 14-16	Advanced Tactical Shotgun
November 15-16	Defensive Handgun I
December 6-7	*Nighttime Vehicle Assault/Stops - NEW
December 12-14	Advanced Handgun

* Denotes Law Enforcement Restricted Courses

“ARE YOU KIDDING ME?” By Scott Reitz

All of us have friends that from time to time, vex us beyond all reasonable belief. This one is about my closest friend Rich Karwowski. We were college roommates at U.N.M. (University of New Mexico) in Albuquerque N.M. from 1972 and on. Another very dear and treasured friend is Ray Coffman who was also my roommate at various times at U.N.M. and works with Clint Smith at Thunder Ranch. Ray will agree with me that Rich is one of those anomalies that one comes across once in a lifetime. He is Polish for a start. He is also fairly smart oddly enough. Ray in his own right is somewhat gifted. He and I took classes together. I would go to every single class, take copious notes, study assiduously then Ray would read my notes only once without attending a single class and would promptly ace the test! He has a true photographic memory. It's not fair. Rich on the other hand, took the math and physics classes and was ultimately commissioned as a Marine Corps Officer and then went on to be a fighter pilot both in the F-4 Phantom and F-18 Hornet instructing in it as well! Rich is also very, very competitive. He possesses the ultimate Alpha personality (he once managed to wrap a Porsche around a telephone pole at 110mph and walk away! The judge thought he was the neatest thing he'd ever seen when he pleaded his case in full Marine Corps dress with his fighter wings affixed) he also flew the Hornet demonstration in many air shows just prior to the Blue Angeles pushing their stuff. He managed to get me into the F-18 simulator a couple of times on the Naval Air base at Lemoore. I was having trouble downing my opponent and he was sitting on the edge of the open cockpit. As is typical with Rich, he reached in with one hand, flew the plane, worked the controls, selected weapons and hosed my adversary. "See...that's all there is to it!" Right. He's very, very good. So here's my point. I spend 30 years on LAPD, make 'D' Platoon (SWAT) learn and study to become a sniper and ultimately teach sniping through the years. I read every worthwhile book on the subject, studied wind, ballistics, trajectories and all things sniper and then comes the big, big letdown. Rich and I have a secret place that we retreat to about 3 times a year. It affords us solitude, reflection, reverie in days gone by and the ability to engage small furry targets the dimension of a beer can at distances beyond 1000 yards. Now I have some fairly decent long rifle equipment. Robar SR-60's with Leupold Ultra glass and Chandler Ultra-Grades set with Unertl glass. I know these rifles. Rich on the other hand traipses off to Walmart and purchases an off-the-shelf Remington .308 with a cracked scope that is mounted off center during a blue light sale. About two years ago I connected with one of our elusive targets at 750 yards and then two more at 800 yards. I was feeling pretty good at which point Rich decides to fire up the old fighter pilot mentality armed only with his crooked rifle. He connects with one at 1038 yards on one trip (that's lasered by the way) and then promptly proceeds on the next trip to connect with one at 1078 yards (again lasered) with this rifle! How in the heck does a guy that you have to give the dope to, read the wind for, and spot for, manage to outclass you when he's got a fraction of the time behind the rifle than you do? It's just plain wrong if not outright criminally prosecutable. So I change strategies; I got into golf just before I retired. I like the tactics, the mental and physical attention to detail and I studied the game, took lessons, bought the Mizuno's, the tour putter and worked at it! Along comes Rich. Never swung a club in his life, and probably doesn't know which way is up. I take him to one of the hardest courses in Los Angeles and his swing is beyond ugly. It defies every principle of physics and the golf swing plane. What does he do? On the third hole, of the only time he has ever played golf in his miserable little life, on a very demanding course, he scores a one under par for a birdie on a very hard par three. He had a supercilious look on his face when he turned to me while feigning piety and innocence "is that good?" He had that same stupid look when he connected at distance with the rifle. He is now the Captain of a 767 flying for Delta. I'd like to challenge him to a flying contest but I have my doubts. Are you kidding me?

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Inside Look at
French Police

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INSIDE THE LAPD- CIRCA 1976 – “The Baton, the Bar Arm & the Carotid”

by Scott Reitz

Brett suggested that I write about these subjects since they have gone the way of the dinosaurs and most certainly the manner in which we used to apply them have been relegated to the Smithsonian archival files. The baton back in 1976 was a second growth hickory affair with a simple rubber ring that used to slide out of position when the weather was hot. I cannot remember whether it was a four or five count draw from the baton ring that we were taught back then as it has been some thirty two years ago so bear with me. Count one; entailed drawing the baton straight out from the ring with the non-firing hand in a straight thrust that was supposedly directed into the solar plexus of a bad guy. Now the baton was straight and the rubber ring was supposed to stop your hand from sliding and accordingly give the hand some sort of purchase on the baton itself if it ever connected with anything solid. I was in fairly good shape back then and none of us ever seemed to generate enough power to really punch into the striking bags that our partners held on the academy field with this technique. Either your ring slid up the baton when the weather was hot or it had slipped from position long before you drew it from the baton ring anyway. Either way, that rubber ring never seemed to stay in place when you wanted it to. On count two; the baton was swung back and forth with a bending of the wrist motion sort of a ‘warding- off’ motion more than anything else. No one could ever generate a lot of power with this either. On count three; both hands grasped the baton and a circular motion was used up over the shoulders and then rotated down and from there straight out into the bad guy once again. Your body was supposedly turned sideways into the opponent for this one. On count four; the baton now rotated in the opposite direction for kind of an upward motion just above the shoulders with the baton again, going straight into the bad guy. I can’t for the life of me, remember if there was ever a count five to this exercise other than returning the baton back to the baton ring. I don’t believe I ever used a single one of these techniques in the field nor did anyone else to my knowledge. Most of the time our techniques were more reminiscent of a bad swing while trying to put it into the cheap seats at Dodger Stadium. The old time salts (real old street cops) that passed by our training from time to time just chuckled when they saw us dancing about the field waving around our batons like a bunch of armed, half-baked ballerinas.

The ‘bar-arm’ was simply the application of the forearm from behind onto the suspect’s neck from a behind-the-back position. You made a fist with the arm that was doing the ‘bar-arm’ and held it in the other hand which pulled straight back while you kept your head down so that the bad guy could not take your own head off. We also dropped our body down and out from behind the suspect and the two of you sort of fell to the ground. Just how one managed to get behind the suspect was another matter. In the academy you struck your partner in the shoulder and he obligingly turned all the way around and ‘presto’...there was his neck perfectly positioned and ready for wringing. In the real world this ‘shoulder strike’ never produced more than a quizzical look from the suspect. You were usually somewhere on the ground rolling around and it was somewhere about mid-point in the altercation, when you finally got this thing on him. From there you slid your strong arm around the suspects neck even more so that the ‘V’ formed by your strong arm around his neck was pointing to his front and this was secured by the other arm coming from in back and pressing forward on the suspect’s head. This effectively cut off the blood supply from the carotid artery and the suspect was out in seconds. Sometimes we put each other ‘out’ when we applied these to one another and this held especially true when your partner didn’t quite catch the ‘tap-out’ that you were thrashing out on the grass. It was called the ‘funky chicken’ as you jerked about when you came back around. These two techniques did get used quite a bit back then in the field as we could use it when we needed to. Nowadays we can only use it if deadly force is applicable so I don’t believe it is truly experienced as much by the bad guys anymore. Back then these techniques were referred to world wide as the ‘LAPD Bar-Arm’ control holds.