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## RECORD SETTING GUNSHOW

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month has come and gone. The month of March saw another very successful Gun Show at the fairgrounds. We had the highest attendance ever. In talking to several of the gun vendors, I found that they were quite happy with the sales they had. A great deal of thanks goes to the Gun Show committee members and all the members, who helped staff the spring Gun Show.



One of the many benefits that the Gun Show presents is the number of attendees who discover that the club is place to shoot and to become a new member. This year was no exception. Before the general meeting on March 14, I had the great fortune to have 17 new members go through orientation. That, I believe, is a new record for attendance. In talking to Del Martin, the membership coordinator, the club has now passed the thousand member mailing milestone. Be sure to notice the new member announcement in the newsletter for the names of last month's new club members.

Last month everyone should have received the club renewal form. Please return it as soon as possible. The cards you have will work until May 15th, at which point they will be turned off unless you renew. Don't wait until it is too late and you don't have a great place to come and shoot your guns.

*John D. Matlock*

### GUN SHOW SUCCESSFUL



ARPC and each member benefited from all the good work of our volunteers at the March 2005 gun show. The club benefited with a profit of approximately \$9,000. The individual members benefited because events like this keep our club dues down. The individual volunteers benefited through accrued work bond hours and the satisfaction of giving back to the best gun club in the state of Oregon. Some of our volunteers and Exec Board members already had all their work bond hours and yet contributed their time because they care. To each of you, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Debi Parker is the committee member who coordinates, trains, and supervises the volunteers for the gun show. Debi expressed her appreciation as follows: "Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the gun show run so well. An extra thank you to the men who covered the overnight shifts, the ones that said "I signed up to do the job and I stay until the work is done" and the ones that stepped up at the last minute to fill some spots that unexpectedly came up vacant. As things were clearing out Sunday afternoon, I received some very nice compliments from some vendors who were happy with the show, their sales, and the "security people". It's a joy to work with you all, see you in September!" Debi

I second Debi's hope that we see these volunteers at our next gun show scheduled for September 24th and 25th. The gun-show volunteers for the March show were:

Don Arnold, Mike Lindner, Patrick Arnold, Carl Long, Gil Bernal, Dale Lyster, Merle Bitikofer, Gary McGinnis, Mark Borntreger, Bob Pace, Fred Brannen, Bruce Parlee, Stan Chrapkowski, Sergio Puig, Lori Cook, Dan Renville, Mark Cook, Charlie Reynolds, Marty Cross, John Sandberg, Rudy Dubrowski, Bob Smith, Dave Erwin, Ron Steagall, Dale Foley, Melinda Turner,

Stan Fyke, Stan Usinger, Kevin Gallagher, John Gilman, Dwayne Graville, Forrest Hatch, Jim Jacobs, Pat Katkansky, Stan Katkansky, Kimberly Kibble, Burkhart Kleiber. I apologize if anyone was left off the volunteer list. Please notify Debi Parker (541-928-7701) if your name was omitted, as we want to make sure your work bond hours are up to date.

Each and every member of the ARPC Executive Board contributed his or her time and energy to support the gun show. Nadine was there in spirit only, but was gracious enough to keep her flu bug to herself. Bob Hamilton deserves an extra thank you for spending many hours at the admissions table.

I also want to thank the members who stepped forward and volunteered to put out a sign advertising the show along with storing the signs for future shows. These signs along with our media advertising helped us break an attendance record for the show. We had 2900 plus attendees, many of whom purchased items from the vendors.

Last but not at all the least, I want to thank my committee members: Debi Parker, Dave Engel, Rex Watkins, and Bob Hamilton for all the extra hours spent organizing, agonizing, and tasking to make all things go smoothly. I estimate that the committee members easily spent 300 to 400 hours total on preparation and time spent at the show.

*Gary Tallis*

### WHY TARGET FIREARMS OWNERS?

*by Hasso Hering - Albany Democrat Herald*



Is the possession of firearms a burning problem in Oregon that needs to be outlawed even if the Constitution allows it? The answer, of course, is no. Oregon has plenty of issues, the widespread misuse of illegal meth among them. But the ownership of firearms by law-abiding people is no problem at all.

So why did the Oregon Senate's Judiciary Committee introduce a bill that would make owning any of a long list of specific firearms a crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine?

This ill-considered legislation is Senate Bill 927, sponsored by the committee and awaiting action there.

The bill says it is aimed at "assault weapons," but that is not a definition. Any weapon, even a rock, can be an assault weapon if used to assault somebody.

In effect, the bill would prohibit people from buying or selling any on a long list of semiautomatic firearms, many of which are used for sporting purposes such as shooting competitions. People who own such weapons now could keep them, but they would have to register them with the county and pay for a permit.

There is absolutely no justification for such a ban. The people who own such weapons by and large are not criminals. And criminals who use firearms generally carry weapons they can hide, not AK 47s, one of the many types that would be banned.

It is strange that some people keep thinking it's a good idea or necessary to disarm law-abiding citizens.

The Senate committee, headed by Ginny Burdick of Portland, expects to hold hearings on that and other gun-control bills toward the end of March or early April, according to the committee staff. A loud protest is what the committee should expect to hear.

Another couple of pending bills would restrict where people carrying firearms — those with permits to carry them concealed — could go. One would bar them from

schools. Another would allow cities and counties to make their own rules where permit holders could carry their weapons. Imagine being one of those people traveling around the state and never knowing if he's breaking some local law when he crosses the city limit or the county line.

These measures, too, are directed not at criminals but at the opposite end of the population spectrum — people who have gone through the requirements to get a permit from the local sheriff, which usually includes a criminal history check.

The gun control debate has been going on for decades, and it is easy to fall into debating cliches. But we also have actual history.

We know from experience that people with gun permits are the last ones to shoot anybody, regardless of where they are. And firearms with pistol grips or large magazines — the so-called assault weapons — have caused no trouble either.

These proposed restrictions do no one any good.  
*Hasso Hering*

### ANDY OLSON AGAINST FIREARM BILLS

*by Hasso Hering - Albany Democrat Herald*

More than two dozen bills dealing with firearms are pending in the Legislature, and Albany's state representative takes a dim view of most. "The bottom line, the way I look at it, is that I don't want bills just chipping away at the Second Amendment," Rep. Andy Olson, R-Albany, said in an interview Friday.

According to his count, 14 gun-related bills have been introduced in the Senate and 15 in the House. Except for a couple, Olson said they would all be heard by the House Judiciary Committee, on which he serves.

Among the bills Olson said he would oppose is SB 335, which would allow school districts to prohibit persons with permits to carry concealed weapons to carry them on school property. He called the bill a "solution looking for a problem."

Olson spent his career in the Oregon State Police before he retired and later ran for office. He said he had not heard of any firearm-related problems caused in schools by people with concealed-weapons permits.

Olson also spoke against proposed bans on so-called "assault weapons" and large-capacity magazines. "I'm opposed to that," he said. "These are not automatic weapons we're talking about." The guns targeted by the proposed bans don't often figure in crimes, according to him.

"The majority of time suspects use handguns," he said. "They want to keep them concealed." If any of the Senate bills make it to the House, Olson predicted that most of them would be opposed in House Judiciary.

*Hasso Hering*

### SPRING FULL AUTO SHOOT

Volunteers are needed for Spring Full Auto Shoot, to be held the third weekend in May. This is a great way to get your work bond hours (and see a lot of unique firearms). Help is needed at the gate, blowing up balloons, setting targets, helping with matches, setup on Friday, cleanup and putting Range back together (TBA) and Range Officers. No experience is necessary - we will train you.

Contact Allen Eriksen at Eriksenor@aol.com, or call (541) 967-4005 Friday - Tuesday before 2:00 PM or Weds. and Thurs. anytime (or Nadine Manghelli club VP to help on the Full Auto committee).

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Megan Wiley, Kevin Swanson, Greg Breece, Peter Newman, Henery Bernard, Steven Scott, Ryan Scott, George Frasier, Gary Peterson, Wally Nelson Jr, Jacob Dent, Marty Utecht, Janson Stitzel, Steven Summers, Allen Arthur, William Burnett, Don Frederickson, Fred Hoy, James Cook, Mike Varnell, Steven Malone, Harold Sweet, Jim Sanderson, Eric Chambers, Laine Larson, Calvin Fugate, Eugene Jack, Richard Gangle, Michelle Koon, Wade Thompson, Scott Taylor, Duane Leever, Leon Dyer, Shane Northern

## WOMEN'S APRIL FUN SHOOT

Tuesday, April 19th, from 6 – 8 PM, is the next Women's Fun Shoot. We are going to be shooting shotguns that evening. Don Arnold, shotgun and trap discipline director, promises that you'll have a good time. If you have a shotgun, you're welcome to bring it. If not, don't worry, there will be some available for you to use. The cost will be \$3.00 for members and member's spouses, \$5.00 for all others.

*Nadine Manghelli*  
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## FROM THE TRAP RANGE

Greetings from your shotgun director. I would like to take the time to editorialize for just a minute. First, I appreciate the effort that has been made by the rifle shooters to work with the trap range on days and nights when we have our trap shoots. We have had very few interruptions and when we do I make a sincere effort to educate the member as to why we need to work together. Now and then we have a foul up, but that is going to happen and I firmly believe it is going to get better.

Second, I heard a member say he joined the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club and not the Albany Rifle Pistol and Shotgun Club. I got news for that guy. We are all in this together. We all pay dues. We all work to keep the club neat and clean. And above all else, we all believe in the second amendment in addition to just wanting a place to go to shoot in a safe and fun place.

My biggest hope is that that was a single voice in a sea of many who do not and will not agree, for we have many disciplines shooting at our range and I, for one, support every one of them.

Thank you for letting me sound off.

Meanwhile at the trap range - the club now has a small trailer to mount the old trap machine on. We hope to get it working so we can get more birds in the air and more shooters shooting. Member Stickle came out to the trap range and was using the hand thrower and it broke. He bought a hand thrower so that he could keep on shooting. He then decided to take the spring out of his thrower and replace the broken spring in the club thrower. A big thanks from me and everyone else that uses it.

We have had several of the dads bring their children out to shoot trap. I and the other shooters would like to see more of the youngsters. They are our future. (They shoot pretty darn well too.)

If someone wants to try their hand at shooting birds off the trap house, give me a call. If I do not have anything going on, I'll meet you at the trap range and throw some birds for you. If I do, perhaps we can make an appointment and work something out. In the meantime----. See you at the range, shoot lots of bullets, and have lots of fun.

*Don Arnold*  
SHOTGUN DIRECTOR

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT GUN CONTROL

### THE GOOD

**SB 793** - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0700.dir/sb0793.intro.html>

This bill relieves active duty military of the burden of renewing handgun licenses in person, while they are deployed away from home.

Clearly, members of the military who are deployed far from home should not lose their handgun licenses just because they cannot get to a sheriff's office to renew in person. But that's what's happening now.

In fact, some have been told they cannot renew because they don't "live" in Oregon, even though the reason they "don't live in Oregon" is because the US Government has deployed them elsewhere, like Iraq.

We are pleased that Senator Gary George has intro-



duced this bill in the Senate for us. Representative Brian Boquist has sponsored the same bill in the House and we expect to see that in bill form soon.

### THE BAD

#### ANTI-GUN BILLS FINALLY ARRIVE.

(Note: All these bills are available in either HTML or PDF format at the following link: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/main.html>)

SB 927 can be viewed here: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0900.dir/sb0927.intro.html>.

This is a massive list of guns proposed to be banned. It also outlaws magazines larger than ten rounds and requires a police issued "permit" to continue to possess the semi-auto rifles and shot guns you already own and bans "transfer" of the listed firearms even to your children.

SB 942 - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0900.dir/sb0942.intro.html>

This is a "lock up your guns law" which makes it a crime to have your self defense firearms accessible to anyone under 16. It was a similar law in California that was associated with the pitchfork murders of the Carpenter children a few years ago. Now Burdick would like to see your children equally defenseless.

SB 954 - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0900.dir/sb0954.intro.html>

This is a bill that will drastically increase fees for gun purchase background checks and concealed handgun license fingerprinting.

SB 956 - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0900.dir/sb0956.intro.html>

This is another "no self defense in school bill" very similar to SB 335 which was heard at the Multnomah County Court House, thus making the hearing difficult for interested persons to attend.

SB 957 - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0900.dir/sb0957.intro.html>

This bill ends our pre-emption law and allows any locality to restrict concealed carry.

SB 960 - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0900.dir/sb0960.intro.html>

This bill adds "domestic violence" convictions to the list of reasons you may not obtain a concealed handgun license.

This would be a good time to contact Senate President Peter Courtney and express your opinion. Senator Courtney is the man who is ultimately responsible for whether or not these bills move forward. [sen.petercourtney@state.or.us](mailto:sen.petercourtney@state.or.us) 503-986-1600

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## BENCH REST MATCH RESULTS - MARCH 12TH

Several members from the Roseburg Gun Club came up to join us for our center fire match. It was a pleasure shooting with them as all bench rest shooters are a friendly bunch and always willing to share new information and techniques.

The center fire match was 25 recorded shots - 15 at 100 yds. on a 22 rimfire target, then 10 shots at 200 yds. on a 100 yd. score target. This made it a very challenging shoot with a strong wind blowing. Gary Noble won the match shooting his new 30BR. The other two top scores were taken by the Roseburg team.

At noon we began the rimfire match in even stronger winds. It is amazing to watch in your scope as you see what the wind can do to a 22 rimfire bullet. Paul Soward shot a remarkable score in the wind. He was unbeatable. Results:

Centerfire -	1st place	Gary Noble	236-8X
	2nd place	C J Gangle	231-9X
	3rd place	Terry Smith	230-7X
Rimfire -	1st place	Paul Soward	239-7X
	2nd place	Del Martin	237-7X
	3rd place	Leo Aregian	225-5X

## SAFE STORAGE

### PART III: SELECTING YOUR VAULT

As with most endeavors, the cost of secure firearms storage goes up with performance. In the last article we discussed the potential threats to your firearms, ranging from "smash and grab" to "skilled professional". There are now four price/security levels of storage available to help protect your valuables from these thieves. Up until sometime in 2003 there were only three. It is nice to have more choices available at the entry level. We discussed the first level, thin gauge sheet metal "security cabinets" previously.

Level two is represented by the 10 and 14-Gun safes made by Sentry and sold locally by Bi Mart in the \$200-300 price range. Watch for their advertised sales on these. Their doors are respectively 0.19" and 0.23" thick, the bodies appear to be roughly half that with fully welded seams. These safes are the minimum you'd want to protect your guns from a knuckle-dragger wielding a screwdriver and a hammer, but not much more than that. Overall, they are a good value for those on a modest budget, especially the models with an electronic lock. I highly recommend the electronic keypad lock on these because they are much more secure, durable, and convenient than the combination locks that come in these and add very little to the price. The "8-gun" model in the same line does not provide the same level of security as it only has locking bolts on one side of the door, allowing its removal if the hinges are defeated.

Most commonly recognized gun safes on the market fall into the third level of security. 10 gauge bodies, 1/4" doors, and a UL group 2 or 2M lock should be considered minimum for this group. These safes are nearly impervious to brute force attacks with hand tools. The exception to the previous rule is a strong individual with a splitting maul, chisel, and room to swing (deny them the room). Prices range from \$600 to \$3000. Amsec ([www.amsecusa.com](http://www.amsecusa.com)) is the nationwide standard for both features and low price in this class. Fort Knox (<http://www.ftknox.com/>) represents the high end of features and goes well beyond it on price.

Western Security ([www.westernsecuritygunsafes.com](http://www.westernsecuritygunsafes.com) or 541-343-2970) of Eugene, formerly Cascade Vault, sells good quality safes in this third-level class for a reasonable price. Their 18x30x60" model is \$725; 24x40x72" is \$1145; an electronic lock adds \$145 to the price and interiors from \$50 to \$250. These prices are virtually unchanged from when I bought mine in 1998. They come with shelf brackets attached to each side wall so it is easy to make your own interior. I bought light blue (don't use dark colors as it will make your safe harder to light) felt at a fabric store and hot-glued it to the interior of my safe and the "T"-shaped divider I made from plywood to put inside. The top of the "T" is my upper shelf which is supported in the middle by the spine. I screwed shelf brackets to both sides of the spine. This allowed me to put a second shelf on the left side above my shorter long guns and gave me a place to mount my racks below that on both sides.

Level four is where you really start to buy yourself protection (time) in the event that you are targeted by a skilled professional, as well as real fire protection. Everything below this level is classified as a Residential Security Container (RSC), not a vault. These are set apart by double-walls with fireproofing in-between, randomization, the best locks, hardened ball bearings imbedded in their drill plates, armor plate bodies and doors instead of mild steel, and just plain more mass. At this level we can start to find fireproofing that actually works.

Graffunder Safes ([www.graffundersafes.com](http://www.graffundersafes.com)) of La-Grande is a local manufacturer of these commercial grade vaults. Their prices start at around \$2000 for units with 10 gauge inner walls having 1/4" body and 1/2" door outer walls made from armor plate. No two of their vaults are alike; the operating mechanisms are randomly located within the door of each individual unit. They offer delivery which varies in cost based on the difficulty of installation and how many other deliveries they are making on their trip over the Cascades.

Which lock should you get? UL listed locks have to

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withstand manipulation by an expert familiar with the lock design for specified time thresholds. The standard for locks you would consider for your safe are Group II (or 2)-20 minutes; IIM (or 2M)-2 hours; and Group I is 20 hours. There are problems with Group I locks. They are extremely expensive, difficult to open when you know the combination due to tight tolerances, and wear quickly because the wheels are made from non-magnetic material so that they cannot be seen using X-ray or other imaging. A group 2 or 2M is probably the best choice for a combination lock on a gun safe.

The best choice overall would be an electronic lock. They offer security, convenience, and durability at an extremely reasonable price. Both of the ARPC vaults have been switched over to electronic locks after their UL listed combination locks wore out. The older of the two has been going strong for almost ten years now while being opened a couple times a week.

Anywhere below level 4 "fireproofing" is only marginally useful at best. Mostly it is just sheetrock, which would do a better job outside the safe rather than taking up valuable space inside. For these other classes of safe, I recommend buying them without the fireproofing. Enclose them in 2-3 layers of sheetrock when you install them in your home and store plastic containers of water on top of them if you want fire protection. Doing so will make them more secure too-the sheetrock will need to be cut through before an attack on the body can be made.

When you are comparing safes with similar features find the internal volume by multiplying the length x width x height, then divide the cost by that number for each. This will give you the \$cost per unit of internal volume, so you may compare what the space inside each will cost you.

Please feel free to send any questions or comments you may have to [jrsb@arpc.info](mailto:jrsb@arpc.info). Next time: Insurance, covering you're a\$\$.

--Mark Baur

## ARPC FULL AUTO

We had great weather and a good-sized crowd for the match. Remember: the Spring Shoot is coming!! The Spring Shoot is coming!!

Volunteers are needed for all kinds of jobs.

We also need your plastic jugs to use as fun targets, drop them by the North Range Shed.

As some of the folks no doubt know, Jim Farmer is in Iraq and would like to hear from the folks here. Jim wanted a job running the heavy equipment used in the rebuilding effort, all they would give him was a truck driving job. Once over there they looked over his resume they decided he would be best used teaching the local labor force to run the heavy equipment. I'm sure that has the benefit of a bigger paycheck also.

Drop him a line and let him know we are thinking about him. Jim's email is: [fbj459@yahoo.com](mailto:fbj459@yahoo.com)

<b>AAA</b>	Woodcock, Wayne	79.61	28 TSMG
	Gilbert, Mike	82.49	M-11 9mm
	Herigstad, Gordon	82.79	28 TSMG
	Bowen, Jim	89.52	M1A1 TSMG
	Throp, Quinton	111.76	M1A1 TSMG
	Thoma, Dick	113.19	MP-5
	Benjamin, John	113.62	Sterling
<b>AA</b>	Sabin, Glenn	116.38	UZI
	Dugger, Rob	131.05	M-16 9mm
	Ebert, Jim	139.61	M-16 9mm
	Endicott, Mark	149.73	28 TSMG
	Myers, Robert	151.02	MP-5
	Andrews, Mel	154.95	M1A1 TSMG
	DeMello, Larry	157.84	M-11 9mm
<b>A</b>	Richards, Steve	176.27	MP-5
	Myhrvold, Mike	178.79	M-11 9mm
	Christiansen, Zack	201.78	M1A1 TSMG
	Smith, Randy	216.41	MP-28
	Moore, Ron	252.23	M-16 9mm
	Stewart, Tom	264.93	Sterling
	Gray, Chris	304.48	28 TSMG
	Bowen, Alisha	311.10	M1A1 TSMG
	Lavrov, Adrian	999.99	MP-5
<b>STG</b>	Thoma, Dick	66.49	Benelli
	Dugger, Rob	78.85	Benelli
	Gilbert, Mike	86.09	SAS 12
	Woodcock, Wayne	86.39	870
	Andrews, Dave	91.71	Beretta
	DeMello, Larry	184.11	Benelli
	Moore, Ron	999.99	Rem 1100

Thanks to everyone that helped with running the match. The Spring Shoot is coming up in a few months and as always we need volunteers. Also we need lots of plastic jugs to use as fun targets. Drop off any plastic jugs you have by the North Range Garage.

**COMING UP** April 10, 2005 North Range  
SMG, Semi, Shotgun COF?

-- Wayne W  
ORYGUN, WHERE SUBGUNS ARE WATERCOOLED.

## THUNDER RANCH OFFERS SHOOTING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

On February 16-18, 2005, I attended one of the most enjoyable shooting activities of my lifetime. The newly opened Thunder Ranch -OR had a real amateur attending Class #2 - Concealed Carry Course. However, my enjoyment of the course and my learning experiences were definitely "professional grade".

As you cross the covered bridge at the ranch entrance (1.4 miles NE on Hwy 140 off Hwy 395 north of Lakeview) and drive through the open pines to the student parking area, you are greeted by the views of a nice Southern Oregon canyon, the Smith's amazing home/lodge (designed by Heidi over six years) and the peaceful setting of the office/classroom building. We started promptly on Wednesday with a full morning classroom session from Clint Smith. The orientation covered Clint's views on the legal aspects of CCW, holsters, clothing, threat awareness, the problems you face with range, time, number of rounds fired, target appearance and movement, target mental and physical condition, target response to your commands and gunfire, aftermath with police., the deciding factors in confrontations, degree of concealment vs. access, to speed or not to speed, handgun security, liabilities of a concealed handgun, assessments of your equipment, weapon selection and methods of carry, searching, scanning, cover and concealment, target indicators, loading-reloading-continuation of fire, malfunctions and ..... It was a very full morning with time for a few of our student questions added to the list. Each item was usually cased with examples from Clint's wide range of experiences. The morning also included several "Clintisms" such as "NO COMPLAINING" about the physical pains and other problems associated with concealed carry. After teaching for about an hour dressed in just a regular shirt (with tail tucked in) and casual pants, Clint gave his "no complaining" spiel and then disarmed from carrying two snub nose revolvers, one five inch SA revolver, five full size semi-auto's and two sheath knives -and we had only noticed his 5" 1911



.45 Auto in a IWB holster.

About 75 yards up a steep hill behind the classroom/office is the flat main deck of the primary range. It's fully covered with chip gravel (bring your knee pads and elbow pads and clothes to be on the ground!) and you face nearly north when using the different handgun targets. For the first afternoon, we did the basic drills on stationary targets with Clint Smith and Scott Anderson (former Salem, OR, PD and long term friend of the Smith's) coaching us on shooting form and also trying to see if we had sense enough to be there, obey the basic safety rules, work together with the other class members and if we could hit a bull's bum. I was impressed that all safety issues were handled clearly and firmly without making me feel uncomfortable or nervous about making a mistake. Even with a group of strangers, the shooting environment felt very comfortable. We shared a no-host dinner a restaurant in Lakeview which everyone seemed to enjoy.

On day two, we worked on a variety of drills such as shooting at moving targets while we were moving backwards and sideways, clearing different malfunctions while continuing to shoot, shooting techniques from prone (belly down and on your back), methods for reloading, covering and scanning, maintaining a stable shooting platform while moving body positions.....

In the evening, Heidi provided an excellent dinner in their home (bison spaghetti with salad) and we were given a tour of a true dream home for anyone who en-



joys the outdoors and shooting sports (Clint's reloading room gave me a severely sinful jealousy fit).

On the third day, we spent most of our time honing the skills taught on days one and two. Clint and Scott were constantly behind us giving coaching as needed. Then Clint started to break us off individually and take us through the "Terminator 3" and the indoor live fire and clearing rooms. It was quite an experience for those of us who had never had an opportunity to try this activity (can we please have a Terminator X at ARPC?). Clint's coaching was very firm, clear and very helpful. Most of us were so revved up by Friday afternoon that all we wanted to do was "keep on shooting". No one wanted to go home!

The courtesies shown to the students by Clint, Heidi and Scott were simply excellent. The overriding themes were "shoot well not fast" and maintain responsible control of every shot fired. For this particular class, there were absolutely no "Rambo" or "SWAT

wannabe" activities. The atmosphere was serious regarding a very serious topic. Yet, the experiences with the Smiths, Scott and the other students were casual and very positive. No one's ego marred the experience. Most of us were "first timers" and shared similar



concerns. Yet the manner of instruction put us all at ease. Class composition was quite varied with most of the folks from the Pacific Northwest except two folks from Michigan (a gynecologist, a dentist, a teacher, a sporting goods store manager, a naval contractor {first lady through Thunder Ranch, OR}, a commercial photographer, and a retired ARPC member: yours truly). Clint and Scott were excellent instructors. Instructions were clearly expressed and a good PA system was used on the main deck. Questions were treated with respect -or at least they held their laughter until class was over! They were considerate toward two of us with physical limitations. Their attitude towards our female class member was admirable and no woman should feel uncomfortable thinking about taking a class at Thunder Ranch. I never had the privilege of attending Thunder Ranch -Texas but I feel the loss for Texas is certainly a gain for us as shooters in Oregon.

I believe the biggest problem will be the how fast their schedules fill with the downsizing and holding the class sizes to ten students. Watch their web site carefully and register quickly when the following year's courses are posted. It's certainly a good thing that I had been burning lots of .45 auto in the Kimbers at ARPC before I went to class! We used 700-1,000 rounds of non-toxic frangible (required) ammo over the three days. It appeared that folks with the Kimbers fared well but there were functional problems with other handguns of well-known brands and one compact with a very short barrel. Although not normally the case, everyone in this class was shooting some form of 1911 .45 auto except one Kimber 1911 5" 9MM. Most of the things I was shown I had read or been told but it was really a different situation to be shooting with some good coaches with me to correct my mistakes. And the corrections have really improved my shooting. I came back with 15+ pages of notes to guide my next years shooting - until I return for the April 2006 Vehicle and Home defense class!

Thunder Ranch, OR, has a good web site at [www.thunderranchinc.com](http://www.thunderranchinc.com) -you should take a look --I suspect all of us in the club would enjoy one of the different classes there. The three-day tuition was \$725 and was worth every cent of the fee, non-tox ammo and trip costs. Incidentally, at Heidi's recommendation, I stayed at the remodeled Hunter's Hot Springs Resort (well back from the highway and quiet, clean, reasonable prices, very nice management). A Corvallis friend was born at the motel when those buildings were the local hospital -LONG ago. There are mule deer and antelope in droves in the area with very interesting side trips to Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, Abert Rim and Lake Abert, the Fremont NF and the Summer Lake area. The weather was clear and COLD but a great winter getaway from our valley clouds/rains.

Anyone with questions may call Jim Hay, Monday-Friday 0730-2100 hours at 541-752-6985.

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