



Training Minute - Second Sight Picture

Second sight picture is an often overlooked and critical part of training with a carbine or handgun. Watch lead Tiger Valley instructor TJ Pilling demonstrate the basics of second sight picture [here](#).



Elm Fork Wednesday Night Classes

Next Wednesday's class, on May 28, is now "Carbine Speed and Accuracy". This class will thoroughly work students through the fundamentals of how to achieve fast and accurate hits, stressing trigger control, trigger reset, and second sight picture. Shooting too quickly means missing the target, while shooting more accurately than the situation requires means that you are taking too much time.

Beginner to advanced carbine shooters will all take away something from this class. Bring your carbine, sling, 200 rounds of ammunition, and safety gear. The cost is \$65, runs from 6:30 PM to 9 PM, and pre-registration is not required, just show up and shoot.

In June there is only going to be one Wednesday night class, with "Pistol Speed and Accuracy" on June 18. The objectives of this class are similar to the carbine class, and bring a pistol and pistol ammunition in place of the carbine.

If you have a topic that you would like to see for a Wednesday night class, drop us a line or give us a call.



LaRue 3-Gun Match - Report

On April 26, shooters descended on Tiger Valley for our LaRue Tactical 3-Gun match. Participants were challenged by eight inventive courses of fire, utilizing our long range facilities, live-fire shoot-house, and helicopter mock-up. LaRue coordinated the prize table with other vendors including DPMS, SpecOps, Springfield, and Surefire. Over \$37,000 of high-end tactical gear was given away during the course of the event.

Many thanks to Mark LaRue, Greg Coker, the hardworking RO's, scorekeeping, and all of our participants.



For those who missed out, keep an eye on our upcoming competitions and the LaRue 3-gun will return to Tiger Valley next spring!

Reduce your AR-15 Ammunition Expense

There's little question that spiraling costs of 5.56 ammunition has impacted many AR-15 training plans. A number of popular options exist for shooters to continue training by switching to other calibers.

One alternative is to switch to a platform where reasonably cheap ammunition is still available, with 7.62x39 or 5.45x39 being popular choices. Changing platforms unfortunately means switching operations for critical tasks, including safety manipulation and reloading.

An increasingly popular choice for the AR-15 shooter is utilizing the .22 Long Rifle cartridge. With 5.56 ammunition going for about \$0.35 per round and .22 Long Rifle still at a reasonable \$0.05, the potential cost savings are impressive.

The first of these options involve replacing the AR's bolt carrier assembly with a conversion kit replacement. Combined with specialized magazines, these kits push the modestly-priced .22 Long Rifle bullet down the barrel of your existing rifle though the bullet-to-barrel fit isn't quite right and accuracy suffers.

The second option are dedicated .22 Long Rifle complete upper receivers, such as those sold by [Model 1 Sales](#). Simply push out two pins and swap the .22 upper onto your existing lower receiver and off you go. Magazines are available that duplicate the look and feel of conventional AR magazines. They are, however, bit fragile and need to be kept from bouncing off the ground during reloading. Replacing the entire upper can also involve the additional costs of another set of optics and/or iron sites.

Lower receivers that have heavy trigger springs may find that the .22 Long Rifle cartridge will not have enough energy to properly cycle the action and will have to swap out the trigger spring for a lighter model. Many lower receivers won't require any changes at all.

We've seen a number of these dedicated .22 uppers come through our high round count carbine classes, all with good results and excellent reliability. Students can fire the bulk of the CQB distances with the .22, then swap back to 5.56 for longer range work.

Regardless of your choice, there are certainly solid options out there to get your carbine skills top-notch and keep them there without breaking the bank with high ammunition costs.

Previous Newsletters Available Online!

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Upcoming Events

May

28 Carbine Speed & Accuracy (Elm Fork)



- 31 [Level 1 Shotgun \(Elm Fork\)](#)
31 [Level 2 Pistol \(Waco, 2 days including June 1\)](#)

June

- 2-6 [5-Day Combat Arms \(Waco\)](#)
11 [Intro to Pistol \(Elm Fork\)](#)
14-15 [Level 1 Pistol \(Elm Fork\)](#)
18 Pistol Speed & Accuracy (Elm Fork)
21 Long Range Match & Open Shoot (Waco)
21-22 [Level 2 Pistol \(Waco\)](#)
23-27 [Advanced Sniper \(Waco\)](#)
28 [CHL Class \(Elm Fork\)](#)
28-29 [Advanced Precision Rifle \(Waco\)](#)



July

- 9 [AK Operator \(Elm Fork\)](#)
19-20 Beat the Heat Precision Rifle Match
23 [Advanced COB Handgun Techniques](#)



September

- 20-21 [Team Sniper Match \(Sponsored\)](#)

October

- 19-20 [Bug Out Drill](#)

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