



GOLDEN EAGLE TRAINING & SAFETY

MAY 2014 Newsletter

We open May's newsletter by reminding and announcing that a basic Carrying Concealed Handgun Class is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th at DWCC Training Center and Range. Registering for the class can be done online at www.defensivetraining.us or by calling 318-927-5026 and requesting a registration form. Due to the rising cost of everything, we had to raise the course fee to \$62, however, it is still the lowest cost you will find for such a course in northwest LA. We would like to remind those that took our class in the past, if you need to renew, just let us know and register for a class. As we indicated before and to reinforce our commitment, no cost for those that have taken our class and are renewing their CCH permit, just have to attend the class.

We have also received good response concerning the Advanced Carrying Concealed Handgun Course and are now planning to conduct one in June. The date has not been locked in yet but it will be near the end of June and before the weather starts turning real warm. We will announce the date in our June newsletter. If you are interested, we remind you that it does require 300 rds of ammo and the course fee is the same as the basic class, \$62. The material, information, and skills provided are very interesting and valuable to those carrying concealed and the course fits the requirements for those wanting to carry concealed in their church after receiving the permission to do so. July we be an off month for us in CCH courses due to the weather usually being unbearably warm unless we get a request from an organization or business to conduct a CCH Class. There is a question we continuously get asked in our CCH Classes and that is what is your "firearm of choice" in carrying concealed? Now this is the Risner portion of G.E.T.S writing and not the Shaver part. After many years and hours of experimenting and training (conducting and attending) and although I like all sorts of pistols, I choose to carry the Glock 26, 9mm as my carrying concealed weapon. On duty as a law enforcement officer I pack the Glock 19. The Glock 26 has a 10 rd magazine with one in the tube, gives me 11 rds of protection which is more than enough in any type of situation. While policing, the magazine for the Glock 19 easily goes with the Glock 26 in any worst case scenario. I have been fortunate to walk the police path for 30+ years and I have tried out dozens of

different carrying concealed guns during that time. Here is how I discovered for me that the Glock tops all of them.

The Glock locks open as the last round is fired and recoil is obviously very mild. The recoil is important to me as is getting off accurate rounds and the locking back of the slide on the last round is also important to me as it not only tells me I am empty and need to do something else but that I may need to get somewhere else in a hurry if the critical incident is still going on. It seems now that everyone now has a Glock, from half the competition shooters to the top cops, State Troopers. I have been out-shot many times during competition by guys with stock Glocks that came in those Tupperware cases. It was back about 21 years ago that the light finally went on for me at a grueling Glock class in Monroe, LA. After over 700 rounds in less than eight hours, I made my mind up that the Glock was the supreme defensive pistol. Well, it was actually after the first 100 rounds that I had decided to stick with the polymer pistol. Years of classes and competitions have supported my belief that the Glock makes the fastest aimed shots after drawing from the holster and the fastest follow-up shots after that. Any, well experienced competition or combat shooter will tell you that to fire an accurate shot and to help with recoil, they prefer the barrel to sit as low as possible relatively to their hands.

More than anything I picked the Glock because it is just so darn simple and flawless. Trying to shoot X's and 10's at the range or bowling pins isn't like carrying for protection. It jams on the range it may jam at that critical moment. I need a firearm that must work 100% of the time without failing in the smallest way. My firearm should not require any custom parts, extra cleaning methods, or healthy doses of gun oil. I treat my Glock almost similar to how you would treat a lawnmower, hardly ever cleaned or maintained but I do give it the attention it needs. The tennifer finish is the best I have ever seen at resisting rust and the last time I shot in pouring down rain, it performed exceptionally well and cleaned up very easily. It will take a licking and keep on firing. (Didn't want to say ticking or clicking as that is a sound you don't want a firearm to make).

I have also carried a five shot revolver before (doesn't make any difference what kind) but a decent brand; S&W, Ruger, Taurus, Colt. I once was carrying a S&W Model 66, .357, 2 inch barrel. I can remember as clear as day of one incident when I was in the court room of a very professional and strict Judge in Minden, La (I know that covers quite a few but I will leave the name out). I was carrying a shoulder holster

then under a sport coat with an upside down off-side draw. The S&W Model 66 with six magnum rounds in it was fairly heavy, but you got used to it as you do when carrying any firearm. I was standing there in court in front of the Judge and his bench with a scumbag and I felt the firearm slip out of the holster. I caught it with the inside of my lower bicep and elbow smoothly and un-noticeable (to some) against my side left side. I would of felt somewhat embarrassed and may have been severely reprimanded by the Judge if the firearm had fallen to the floor in that crowded courtroom. Wouldn't have looked very professional either. I was able to maintain it there for the remainder of that court process but after exiting the courtroom, I went to a secure place, wiped the sweat from my brow, and secured it back in holster. I guess it was at that time that I began to look more seriously in what and how to carry concealed. Best I can recall, I believe I went to a five-shot revolver then.

I am not saying the Glock is a perfect weapon and I am sure sometime in the future, someone will come up with a better design and possibly make me switch (truly doubt it). The Glock has more less parts and things on the outside and all you have to do is point and fire. I said my part on answering the question we are frequently asked, if you agree or disagree, let us hear from you. If Butch has something to say, he has your e-mail addresses. If there is one thing I like is controversy. We may disagree but we will disagree as equals.

Okay, three pages, and I have rambled enough. Don't forget the May 24th Basic CCH class in Homer. Spread the word for us and if you need to come back to renew, be sure to register also, but at no cost. If any of you need any help or assistance, don't hesitate to let us know and we will do what we can. (Butch - hshaver811@yahoo.com ; Steve - steverisner@bellsouth.net or go to our website [\[www.defensivetraining.us\]](http://www.defensivetraining.us)] and contact us. Until later, Stay Safe and remember to carry concealed!

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