

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**WHAT'S NEW @** **BOONDOCKS**  
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### **SHOT Show Review**

Recently the Boondocks Crew returned from the 41st Annual Shooting, Hunting & Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show. With an average attendance of over 60,000, it is the single largest gathering for all things Guns and Gear. It is a chance for those in the industry to get a glimpse at all the new products, touch base

with suppliers to learn about new programs, and meet with others in the industry to help promote the Shooting Sports. While there, we got to sit down with our friends from [Gun Talk Media](#) and discuss many of the training options at BoondocksFTA™. We also got to sit down with [Armed American Radio](#) and tape a spot that appeared on their January 27th Monster Broadcast, our section is about 16:45 seconds into Hour 3. On day 3 we sat down with USCCA to help promote some upcoming [USCCA Training Classes](#) both at BoondocksFTA™ and abroad.



## Educational Foundation Update!

Last month we updated you on the success of our Young Adults Personal Protection class. Word spread so quickly that the March class filled up in a matter of days. On January 26th, we held our first Family Firearms Safety Course (FFSC) of the year and we were surprised when BOTH WJTV and WLBT arrived to cover the event. And, within a few hours of the news story, the March FFSC also filled up!



The BFTA Educational Foundation is a US 501(c)(3) NonProfit Organization Providing educational opportunities for families and youth on firearms safety and the joy of shooting sports. This program relies solely on the generous donations from individuals and companies in our community.



## The War on Guns!

And so it begins. With new legislatures in place, the talk of control fills the pages of social media and news outlets all across the country. I have simply not been able to keep up with all the different

bills introduced since our last newsletter. Probably the most concerning is SB-107 out of Illinois. Take a few minutes and read the specifics of this law. As described in the article, it would ban any semi-auto rifle or pistol that can accept magazines which hold more than 10 rounds, plus shotguns that hold more than 5 rounds. While there are other states that ban high capacity magazines, this law takes it a step farther banning any gun that can accept higher capacity magazines. For example, the Glock Model 26 which has a standard capacity of 10, would be banned because it would also accept a Glock 19 magazine.



A further indication that these new laws may be the wave of the future is that companies are already trying to prepare by introducing firearms that skirt the laws. Remember last month when we mentioned that the new Glock 48 and 43X might be in response to anticipated magazine capacity bans? Well, both of these guns are limited to 10 round magazines, and do not share interchangeable magazines with any other models! Also recently Franklin Armory announced the Providence, a non semi-automatic AR Styled Pistol and Rifle. Last year, Franklin Armory introduced the Reformation, an AR Style rifle to get around the NFA Short Barrel Rifle regulations.

Is it a coincidence that these companies are doing some "out of the box thinking", or could it be that they are anticipating more gun regulations in the future? Only time will tell.



## Battle Over the Bump Stock

The following is an excerpt from the ATF Rules & Regulations Page.

"On December 18, 2018, Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker announced that the Department of Justice has amended the regulations of the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), clarifying that bump stocks fall within the definition of machinegun."

"Current possessors of bump-stock-type devices must divest themselves of possession as of the effective date of the final rule (March 26, 2019)."

While there are some legal challenges in the works over the Bumpstock Ban, the real battle seems to be an internal battle between gun owners and the NRA. In a recent article titled "Refuse to Compromise" Tom Gresham of Gun Talk summed it up well. In the article, Tom mentions "The undercurrent I'm hearing everywhere is a dissatisfaction with the NRA among gun owners."

In another article by Tom Knighton called "What You Need To Know About The NRA's Actual Position On The Bump Stock Ban," he lays out that the NRA support to re-classify and or regulate bumpstocks was a move to prevent legislation that was in the works which would ban more than just bumpstocks. Both Gresham and Knighton, point out that "sometimes the NRA is just flat wrong. But sometimes it is engaged in a more sophisticated fight than is appreciated by members and gun owners." In other words, there are times when the NRA is forced to choose the lesser of two evils, a sentiment most voters can relate too. There is no doubt that the recent actions by the NRA will cost it some members, but by refusing to join or

renew our NRA memberships are we doing more harm than good?

Today there are an estimated 100 Million gun owners in the U.S. and approximately 5 Million NRA Members. That means that only 5% of the gun owners are also NRA members. Additionally, many NRA members are not politically active and don't particularly care or understand the implications of the bumpstock ban in the overall picture of gun control. While the NRA is the most powerful Pro 2nd Amendment organization in the country, with only 5% of all gun owners as members, it is still forced to compromise on issues like this. Imagine if politically astute NRA members who were upset with the NRA's latest position didn't pack up their toys and go home, but instead, understood that the best way to avoid future compromises like this is to ensure we have more gun owners join the NRA. Imagine, if 2/3 of all gun owners joined the NRA, that would be 66 Million NRA members. Folks, that is more than the total number of votes cast for either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election. If we had that kind of support, then we truly could "Refuse to Compromise."

Now is not the time for NRA members to jump ship, now is the time for gun owners to Join or Renew their NRA Membership!



## OODA Loop

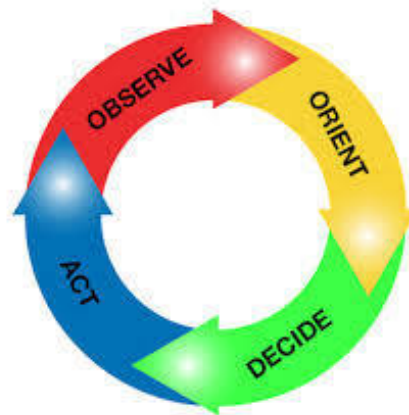
The body won't go where the mind hasn't been.

We all should be familiar with Situational Awareness and the levels of awareness that we experience in relation to our surroundings. To refresh your memory, White is the level where we are completely unaware of what's going on around us.

Yellow is the level we're supposed to be in the majority of time where we are aware of what's going on around us.

Orange is where we identify a potential threat and develop a plan of what to do next. Red is where you act out this plan, whether it's to escape/run or to stand and fight.

Now, let's take a look at the OODA Loop and how it serves as a bridge that connects Situational Awareness with Action. The OODA Loop is a decision-making process where one Observes, Orients, Decides & Acts.



In a defensive situation, you and the assailant will go through multiple OODA Loops as the scenario unfolds. Hopefully you will have already decided how best to react while you were in the Orange Phase of the color codes of awareness. The goal is to interrupt the assailants OODA Loop by responding in a way they did not expect. This allows you to buy time to escape or fight if need be.

If you don't use a system, you run the risk of failing to act when necessary. To be successful, you must, at least mentally, expose yourself to as many different "what if" scenarios" as possible.

There's not a set action for every situation. We should all practice a variety of skills until these actions become ingrained in our memory. This will help us to get into the mindset that prepares us to "act without thinking." So, the next time someone gets too close to you – invades your personal space, you'll be able to quickly Act to get out of that situation safely.

At Boondocks, we offer a variety of classes that get you started on the road to deciding which possible Action(s) you use to defend yourself and your family from potential life-threatening situations.



## train·ing

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noun

the action of teaching a person or animal a particular skill or **type of behavior**.  
"in-service training for staff"

**synonyms:** instruction, teaching, coaching, tuition, tutoring, tutelage, schooling, education, pedagogy, andragogy, drilling, priming, preparation, grounding, guidance, indoctrination, inculcation, lessons  
"he got training in word-processing techniques"

**Training is more than just knowing how to use a gun!**

Last week a gentleman walked into our Pro Shop to pick up a gun he ordered online. The gun was a NAA Mini Revolver. He inquired about holster options and about access to shooting on our range. When we told him our range was only open to BFTA Alumni who have taken at least one of our handgun classes, he was quick to point out that he didn't need any training, because he had been shooting guns all his life and walked out. This response is not uncommon, especially from people growing up in the South, but just because you have been shooting guns all your life, doesn't mean you are adequately trained to defend yourself or your family. Firearms training is more about invoking a type of behavior than it is developing a skill to pull a trigger. Few stories highlight this point more than two I read this past month.

[Garfield Man Who Shot Confessed Car Burglar In Back Charged With Attempted Murder](#)- This story comes out of NJ where the Omar Smadiya, carrying a Glock 19

confronted a 19-year-old who had broken into the car outside his home. The suspect ran, and Omar fired 3 shots hitting the suspect in the back. Smadiya, was also charged with possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes and illegal possession of high-capacity magazines.

Because of his actions, he now faces mounting legal bills that will easily surpass the cost of his Toyota Camry, the loss of his rights to own a firearm, and he provides another negative news story for the entire 2A community.

[The Jayme Closs case: A chilling tale of murder, kidnapping and escape in rural America](#) - In a more disturbing case out of Wisconsin, the details emerging out of the court proceedings, while hard to read, provide insight on the importance of having the proper training to defend against a home invasion.

The 12-page criminal complaint, indicates how well planned and ruthless the attack was. It also shows some potential mistakes and opportunities the family may have had to combat the attack.

On the night of the attack, the Closs family was awakened by their dog barking. While the Mother and Daughter went to hide in the bathroom the Father, James, went to investigate. As he was "looking outside through the small glass window " the defendant "raised the shotgun and purposely aimed at James' head and pulled the trigger." James immediately collapsed to the ground.

The suspect then methodically searched the house looking for Jayme. He found both barricaded in a bathroom. By his account "The defendant estimated that it took him anywhere from 10 to 15 hits with his shoulder before it burst open and he entered into the bathroom." He then, set the shotgun down on the sink while he taped Jayme up. The suspect then picked up the Shotgun, pointed it at Denise, the Mother, and pulled the trigger. He drug Jayme outside and put her in the trunk, and Jayme testifies she heard the Police Cars pass her as the suspect drove away.

Firearms Training is more about "a type of behavior" than it is about the actual firearm. In the first story, Omar Smadiya obviously knew how to use a gun, but because of his ignorance and cavalier attitude, he lost his financial and physical freedom. In the Closs case, while James had good intentions when he went to investigate the noise outside his front door, he left himself vulnerable to a surprise attack and it cost him his life and his ability to further protect his family. If the family had a plan and barricaded in place together, with a firearm or any other defensive tool, the entire family may have survived the horrific ordeal.

When it comes to protecting you and your family, don't rely solely on Law Enforcement and don't settle on the absolute minimums, such as small inexpensive firearms and inadequate training to keep you safe. Make a plan, practice the plan, and seek training. The behavior you exhibit in these situations, can be the

difference between life and death. Our half-day Home Defense Fundamentals would have been invaluable in both of these cases.

## *COURSE SPOTLIGHT*

### **Spring Training!**

Well, you survived the Holidays, Tax Season is in full swing, and Phil predicts an early Spring. Now is the time to start planning your Spring Training. In addition to our regular classes, here is a snapshot of select, New, Limited Offering and Special events that are coming up in March and April here at Boondocks!



- Defensive Vehicle Tactics - March 2-3
- Land Navigation - March 11
- Defensive Pistol 1 & Defensive Pistol 2 - Back to Back - March 13-17
- Defensive Shotgun 1 - March 23
- IDS with Rob Pincus - March 30-31
- DP1 - Women Only - March 30-31
- Dave Spaulding - Adaptive Combat Pistol - April 6-7
- 4th Annual TWAW PowWow - April 12-14

Don't forget you can also take advantage of our 2 or 3 course packages. Pick a package and take multiple courses, or split the package among family, friends, courses or dates and save on the overall cost of your training!

# **BOONDOCKS**

*FEATURED FIREARM*

## The Sig Sauer TREAD



A few months ago, Sig quietly released it's latest addition to the AR15 line up. The

Tread is an entry level (at least by Sig standards) AR15 style rifle. While it is not the cheapest entry level rifle on the market, it does have a surprising list of features for a rifle that retails less than \$900.00. The SIGM400 TREAD features a 16" stainless steel barrel with a free-floating M-LOK handguard, a single-stage polished/hard-coat trigger, ambidextrous controls, a Magpul™ SL-K 6 position telescoping stock, a mid-length gas system, and is available in 5.56 NATO. There is also a group of TREAD branded accessories that make the TREAD easily configurable for even the newest AR15 owners, including:

- 13" and 15" M-LOK handguard
- 3 chamber compensators
- Ambidextrous charging handle
- ROMEO5 optic featuring a 2MOA dot
- Flip-up front and rear iron sights
- M-LOK front sight adapter with co-witness height
- Multiple configurations of M-LOK grip kits
- Factory upgraded flat blade, single stage trigger

Stop by our Pro Shop to check out the all new TREAD!



## Your Next New Firearm!

Now that most of the 2019 models have been announced and many folks are already counting on Uncle Sam's refund it is a good time start



considering which gun (or guns) should be on your shopping list, or at least the ones that are on mine!

#### New Carry Gun

With the introduction of the Sig P365 last year, and the Glock 43X this year you now have two really solid options for small light weight 9mm pistols with at least 10+1 capacity. If you have been carrying a smaller .380 pistol such as the Ruger LCP or

S&W Bodyguard, the Sig 365 is an amazing option. Not only is it an increase in caliber and capacity, but it also has much better sights and a better trigger with very little increase in size. If you are already carrying a Single Stack 9mm, the S&W Shield, or Springfield XDS, the Glock 43x gives you essentially the same size pistol with 2-3 more rounds.

#### New "AR15"

With all the chatter in Local, State, and Federal legislatures about "gun control" it may be time to consider that first (or another) "AR15" purchase. I have had my eye on the Saint Edge Pistol, since the Gun Talk crew showed up with it at Boondocks a few months ago. I particularly like the short compact design and adjustable pistol brace option on the Edge Pistol. And, If I had to pick one to purchase first, it might just be an "AR15" Pistol. The Pistol Brace "AR15" has been a confusing conundrum for consumers since it was first introduced. The ATF has gone back and forth on whether it could or could not be shouldered when fired, and some of the federal gun control laws recently introduced specifically targeted pistol braces. If I had to predict the next "bumpstock ban" it just might be the "pistol brace" because it has already teetered on the edge of being classified as a Short Barreled Rifle and has had multiple different opinions issued by the ATF. However, after getting my hands on the above mentioned Sig THREAD, it will be hard to decide.



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