

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S NEW @ **BOONDOCKS** **FT** ACADEMY

Defensive Pistol LIVE!

For 2020 Boondocks
FTA™ is launching a
new course in our
Defensive Pistol Series.



Defensive Pistol (DP) LIVE is a 10-12-hour course designed to help you increase your Speed and Accuracy with your Handgun. The course also includes multiple Force on Force Scenarios using UTM Training Guns to simulate LIVE defensive situations. Students will learn to become more efficient in presenting the pistol from their holster and then use these skills in multiple standard LIVE fire qualifications. Students will then gear up to participate in a series of Force on Force scenarios including Low Light, Home Invasion and Concealed Carry situations. DP LIVE students are not required to have previously taken one of our other Defensive Handgun (DP I or DP II) classes, however, students who have, will get the chance to test the skills they learned in those classes, those who have not will have a better understanding of their skill-set and areas of improvement.

You can learn more and get registered by clicking [HERE!](#)

New Class Start Times



In 2020, Boondocks FTA™ will change our official class start time from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. This means you get an extra hour of sleep before class!

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State,
IN THE NEWS *the right of the people to keep*
and bear Arms, shall not be infringed



Texas Church Shooting

On Sunday, December 29th, a man wearing a disguise got up in the middle of communion at West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, TX and open fired. Two church security team members were shot before

Jack Wilson was able to return fire and kill the shooter. This comes just over 2 years after the worst mass church shooting occurred in Sutherland Springs, TX. In that incident 26 people were killed and 20 were injured in the 7 minutes it took for neighbor Stephen Willeford, a former NRA Firearms Instructor, to run to the church and respond. In August of 2019, in an El Paso Walmart 22 were killed in less than 6 minutes before the gunman walked back to his car and watched police arrive and turned himself in to the authorities.

Fortunately for the 240 people in the West Freeway Church of Christ, Texas changed it's laws in September and now allow churches to set up their on security teams. Jack Wilson, a Firearms Instructor was the security team leader for his church, and no doubt was working to train his team for just such an event. The entire incident was captured on Live Stream video, and while it may be difficult to watch, there are a lot of lessons for other Church Security Teams.

First, and most importantly, the ability to quickly draw and get the first shot on target can not be understated. You should strive to be able to get accurate shots on target in 2 seconds or less. If everyone on the team had that ability the outcome could have been different. Second, just having a gun is not always the answer. The awareness and mindset to know how to respond in a particular situation is as important, if not more important, than having a firearm. In the video, you can see

that one of the security team members could have possibly taken the shooter down by rushing him and taking control of the shotgun. These points are not meant to disparage the security team members, but to offer some insight as to the importance of training. As a Church Security Team Leader myself, I know how hard it is to convince people they need training and how hard it is to get volunteers to spend the time and money to train for something that is very rare. Many politicians and anti-gun groups are also questioning the training of Church Security Teams. After the TX Church shooting Michael Bloomberg stated, "[You just do not want the average American carrying a gun in a crowded place.](#)" What, they don't understand is that even the "average citizens" achieve the level of training as many Law Enforcement Officers with just a few classes a year. Hopefully, the sacrifice of these brave men will serve as a reminder to all church security team members on the need to be more prepared, not only for the safety of themselves and fellow parishioners, but also to prove people like Bloomberg WRONG!

If you want an in depth analysis of this situation check out John Correia of [Active Self Protection](#) in his [video analysis](#) of the shooting.

If you want more information about [Church Security](#) and [Active Shooter Training](#) please visit our website or call 769-972-2382.

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Crime in our Capital City

Jackson, MS is in the midst of a crime wave not seen in a quarter of a century. In 2018 there were [84 homicides](#) and 83 in 2019. That is the

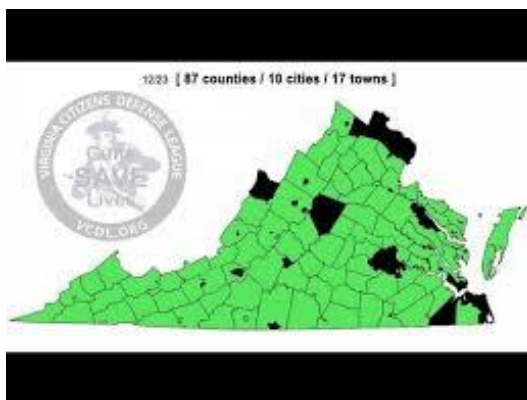
highest since 1993 and makes the per capita murder rate "one of the highest in the nation, worse than New Orleans, Memphis, and even Detroit." It is also "twice Chicago's homicide rate." Things have gotten so bad that federal authorities stepped in to help clean up Jackson streets. In a program called [Project EJECT](#) authorities are using federal charges in order to stop the revolving door of crime. U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst recently held a press conference [criticizing judges, and politicians](#) about the violent crime in Jackson. Hurst stated that "in the federal system, they're much more often detained without bond than in the Hinds County court system. They serve their entire sentence in a federal prison far from home with no chance for parole. "



Those in the Jackson Police Department will tell you that most of the crime is committed by a small group of violent individuals, but even when police are able to make an arrest, the individuals rarely remain in jail long. This is not isolated to just Jackson, MS. On a recent episode of [Tucker Carlson Tonight](#), he said it is happening in cities all across the country. Unfortunately, that puts all of the law abiding citizens at risk. Many residents are concerned and are taking up arms to protect themselves. But does carrying a gun prevent crime?

The Center for Disease Control estimates there are over 6,000 Defensive Gun Uses every day here in the United States. The overwhelming majority of the time the gun owner never has to pull the trigger. So yes, having a firearm prevents crime and saves lives, but proper training in actual defensive gun use is also important. This requires more than just an online video, a one day permit class or time on the range with family or friends. Proper training requires a commitment. Could you commit to taking one class per year and practicing at the range every other month?

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The 2A Fight in 2020

In [December's newsletter](#) we covered Michael Bloomberg's influence in the November elections in Virginia and his entrance into the 2020 Presidential Election. We also discussed the potential ramifications to Virginians in the upcoming legislative session. Since November, the [Virginia Citizens Defense League](#), reports that over 100

Counties, Cities and Towns have declared themselves 2nd Amendment Sanctuaries. This comes in response to the filing of proposed 2020 bills that include a ban on the sale of many guns and magazines, gun confiscation, Red Flag laws, and gun rationing. Mark Walters from [Armed American Radio](#) and Tom Gresham with [Gun Talk](#) have been covering the events in Virginia since November, and in his latest article called "[2020 - The Year of the Big Gun Fight](#)" Tom says, "This fight will spread" and the events unfolding in Virginia should be our "Call To Action" and it is a "dire warning" that if we fail to get involved or show up to the polls in 2020 the rest of America could be fighting similar battles in 2021.

I know many of you are thinking, but what can I do? Well here are some easy steps to help you get involved.

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We will close by quoting Tom Gresham, "We will see more action on the Second Amendment front in 2020 than we have anytime in the past. Will you be on the sidelines, or will you be helping us to win?"

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Situational Awareness for the Whole Family

Anyone who has taken a class at Boondocks FTA™ has learned about the importance “Being Aware of Your Surroundings” and Lt. Colonel Jeff Cooper’s “[Awareness Color Code Chart](#)”. But just how many

of us really adhere to these life-saving principals? Are we teaching them to our kids and grand-kids? Even though most of us don’t walk around in public with our “head in our phone”, we often get caught up in our own thoughts and fail to take in the “entire picture” of our surroundings and what’s going on around us. Furthermore, we may not be passing this knowledge on to our children.

So, just how can we break this habit? How can we force ourselves to really look at our surroundings and not fall into the trap of only thinking about what all is going on in our busy lives? Michelle Cerino’s ([Women’s Outdoor News](#)) series of articles on “Situational Awareness Skills” is an EXCELLENT place to start. Her articles, “[How to Stay Frosty](#)”, “[Lessen Your Chance of Being a Victim](#)”, & “[Teaching Kids Observation Skills](#)” should serve as your guide to becoming Situationally Aware and staying “Left of Bang” - making better observations and decisions before shots are fired.

Recommended Books

- **The Gift of Fear: And Other Survival Signals That Protect Us from Violence**, by Gavin de Becker
- **Left of Bang**,___ by Patrick Van Horne and Jason A. Riley
- **The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes – and Why**,___ by Amanda Ripley

Another source of helpful articles can be found within the [USCCA Community](#). Boondocks’ good friend, [Beth Alcazar](#) writes a column entitled “Pacifiers & Peacemakers” for the [USCCA Blog](#). This is a great read for women and families.

Situational Awareness is one the best defensive tools we have to protect ourselves. We need to ensure that we remain vigilant about our surroundings and to pass these important lessons on to our family members!

White	• Relaxed and completely unaware.
Yellow	• Relaxed but aware. Minimum acceptable level when in public or carrying a firearm.
Orange	• Potential threat identified. Attempt to verify, evade if necessary.
Red	• Threat verified. Execute necessary response.

TRAINING TIP

DEVELOPING IN ONESELF FOR OTHERS: ANY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT RELATE TO SPECIFIC USEFUL COMPETENCIES

Train With The Best!



That's me, (under that little red arrow) at 16 years old in the 1988 ABA BMX Grand Nationals Cruiser Expert Main Event. The yellow arrow indicates my good friend and nationally ranked Factory Sponsored Free Agent rider "Power House", Parnell Haley. Parnell and I met in first grade and we became instant friends. A few years later at the age of 10 Parnell started racing BMX, and I started a few years later. By the time I started, Parnell was already a very accomplished rider. He spent hours in the gym and on his bike training and traveled to races all over the country with his team. In addition to perks like free gear and travel expenses he also got to race against the very best riders in the country! By the time he stopped racing he had racked up an impressive string of accomplishments, including 8 Time Grand National Champion, 1987 National #7 Cruiser, and 1987 & 1988 National #1 Age Group Champion!

All new riders start out as a Novice. After a handful of wins you move up to Intermediate and then to Expert. After about a year, I was able to rack up enough wins to become an Expert. From that point on, the wins just about dried up, because I was racing against Parnell in almost every race. Occasionally I would get a home town win when Parnell was at a national race somewhere in the country, or he slipped a pedal in a race, but other than that I was usually playing second fiddle to Parnell. Parnell and I and several other friends and fellow racers spent a lot of time "recreational riding" around town especially in the summers, but few of us took training as serious as Parnell. When he wasn't riding with us, he was in the gym or on his bike racing against top riders all over the country. About the time I turned 14 I started to take racing a little more serious. My Dad and I started to follow Parnell and his Dad to other local races in San Antonio and Austin and to regional and national events that we could afford to drive to. The extra races paid off, and I started to get better. In 1985 we made our first trip to Oklahoma City for the Grand Nationals, but I failed to make it out of any of my heat races and went home empty handed. In 1986 and 1987, I did better and but never made it to the finals.

Things started to change in the summer of 1988 when Parnell asked me to train with him. Maybe it was because he felt sorry for me, or because my persistent string of 2nd places finishes finally made me worthy of training with, but we started training together several times a week for the next 6 months. I don't know if the training helped him, but it definitely helped me. About a week before we were scheduled to leave for the 1988 Grand Nationals I beat him wire to wire at our home track. At the time, I wasn't sure if the win was a fluke, if he was taking it easy before the big race, or he just had a bad day at the track.

The Grand Nationals

The Grand Nationals are held every November in Oklahoma. The event takes place over 3 days and is attended by riders from all over the country. Riders can compete in several different events including Class (20" bikes), Cruiser (24" bikes) and Open Class. Each rider is assigned to a heat race with 7 other riders and they have 3 chances to win the heat in order to advance to the next round. I signed up for both the 20" and 24" cruiser class. In 1988, the 16 Expert class had about 650 riders and the cruiser class had over 300 riders. As the gate dropped on my heat races, it was apparent the training paid off. I coasted to victories in the first attempt in both Class and Cruiser. Then I sat and watched the other riders compete for the chance to go into the next round. When Sunday rolled around and the semi-finals were announced, I found out that I would have to race in 6 more races in Class and 4 more in Cruiser before the field could be whittled down to the final 8 riders for the Main Event. I easily won the next 2 semi-finals on my 20" bike before tragedy struck. It could have been nerves, or my lack of experience in high pressure races, but while leading in my 8th main, my front tire clipped the top of the first jump and I "crashed and burned". A rider behind me landed on my left knee and I heard a loud pop. When I stood up and looked down, the lower part of my left leg was out of alignment with the rest of my leg. I thought my leg was broken, but I heard another loud pop and my knee popped back into place. I tried to get back on my bike to catch the other riders, but I could only make it to the first aid station before the pain became too intense. The doctors in the first aid tried to convince me to go to the ER, but I informed them that I had spent the last 6 months training for this race and even though I was out of contention on my 20" bike, I still had a shot at the main event on my cruiser. After several doses of Ibuprofen I climbed back on my cruiser and competed in the 8th, Quarter and Semi-final races and was one of the final eight riders in the Main Event.

The Main Event

The main event was filled with Factory Sponsored riders in full racing gear including my friend and training partner, Parnell. I nervously waited in lane 4 (right next to Parnell) for the gate to drop as the only "Dad" sponsored rider in the race. When the gate dropped, I did my best to power through the pain, but I didn't have the strength to compete with Parnell down the straight. By the time we hit the first jump I had drifted into the middle of the pack and got squeezed out. I backed off the pedals and fell back in the pack to avoid a 2nd crash on the bad knee. I was able to

keep the other riders in site until the 3rd turn when the riders bunched up again, and I ran over a downed rider. At this point, I got back on my bike and [watched Parnell use his skill and experience to cruise to victory](#), clinching one of his 8 National Championship wins, and taking home his 2nd consecutive National Age Group Champion. While I was upset that I wasn't able to compete or challenge for the win, it was clear that training with the best paid off. Because I had the opportunity to train with one of the best riders in the country, I had developed enough skills that even an injured "no-name" rider like myself was able to advance to the finals in the biggest race of the year and against the best riders in the country.



Parnell and I (before the crash) neck and neck at the 88 Grand Nationals

What does this have to do with Firearms Training?

There is a small group of nationally recognized trainers that travel the country offering classes to "no-name" shooters like me. Many of them offer training classes right here at Boondocks FTA™. In the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to train with Dave Spaulding, Tom Givens, Mike Green, Brian Hill and more. I usually average about 2 classes per year and what I have seen is that about half of the people in the classes are folks that I have trained with in the past, and another handful of the students are usually Boondocks FTA™ instructors. Many of the students have taken multiple classes with a particular instructor, some are trying to take at least one class from each, and some have even taken the same exact class with the same instructor multiple times. These are the "best of the best", [the 1%'ers](#). These are not the people that are that are just "recreational shooting on the range with their buddies", they are seeking the best training available. Now this doesn't mean they don't mess up and "crash and burn" on a drill from time to time, but they

don't give up. They get right back on that bike and continue to train. These are the people that have the skills to fight through the pain and still perform at a high level. They have given themselves the best chance to protect themselves and their family and prevail a life or death situation.

As you look forward to 2020, take a look at the list of upcoming [Guest Instructor Events](#) to see if there is a class you might be interested in. If your unsure about being able to complete an advanced class with one of the guest instructors, look at our [intermediate handgun classes](#). These classes are led by Boondocks FTA™ Instructors (who have been in these advanced training courses) and will walk you through the class step by step, give you valuable feedback on your skill set and guide you through your training journey. If you can commit to taking one class per year and practicing at the range every other month? If so, you will be in the top 1% of gun owners in the United States and will likely have more training than most police or military personnel! You will also quickly see improvements in your skillset and will forge new friendships with these elite groups of folks!

2020 Guest Instructor Events

- * John Farnam - Urban Rifle
- * Masaad Ayoob - MAG40
- * Donna Anthony - Skill Builders / Reality Based Training
- * Spencer Keepers - AIWB & Performance-Focused Skills, Drills, and Tests
- * Tom Givens - Master Firearms Instructor Development
- * Brian Hill - Pistol Essentials & Beyond

2020 Boondocks FTA™ Intermediate Handgun Offerings

- * Defensive Carry
- * Defensive Pistol I
- * Defensive Pistol LIVE

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COURSE SPOTLIGHT



Defensive Differences!

With the launching of our new Defensive Pistol LIVE class we now have 6 different Defensive Handgun classes here at Boondocks FTA™. We are often asked what is the difference in each of the classes, so in this month's Course Spotlight we thought we would highlight the differences so you can decide which class or classes might be right for you. There are three major components to developing defensive shooting skills including; 1) building and mastering basic fundamentals, 2) increasing speed and accuracy and 3) incorporating reality based training. Additionally, there tactics like using cover and concealment, incorporating movement, low light techniques and shooting at extended ranges and moving targets. Our Defensive Shooting classes incorporate one or more techniques.

Defensive Shooting Fundamentals (Basic)

The Defensive Shooting Fundamentals (DSF) Course is designed to help students build and master the fundamentals of defensive shooting. This blended learning curriculum includes the DSF-L1 online eLearning module, the DSF-L1 book, and a full day of live-fire exercises on the range. By incorporating the eLearning module, students essentially get 2 days of training for the price of one. Students can complete the online module at home and at their own pace prior to the live-fire exercises. The course of fire focuses on the most likely self defense scenarios a civilian will face, 3 shots, 3 seconds, 3 yards. Additionally students can complete the class with smaller concealed carry handguns, pocket pistols, or revolvers and minimal gear (3 magazines or speed loaders). The is a great class for someone that has previously completed a Permit Class, but hasn't been able to maintain a regular practice schedule or have limited resources (time or money) to devote to a traditional 2-day course.

Defensive Carry (Intermediate)

The Defensive Carry (DC) Class is a traditional 2-day class that packs as many of the different types of training (fundamentals, increasing speed and accuracy, cover and concealment, movement and reality based training) into a single class. The class can be completed with any pistol or revolver but was specifically designed for smaller concealed carry handguns and with minimal gear (3 magazines or speed loaders) requirements. The class can also be completed from a different carry modes including pocket, purse, appendix, ankle, or cross draw carry. This class is

great for those who are just getting into the concealed carry lifestyle and are looking to learn more about the different carry options or experienced shooters looking to complete a comprehensive class with their everyday carry gun.

Defensive Pistol I (Intermediate)

Defensive Pistol I is Boondocks' core curriculum. It is designed to be taken with medium to full size pistol from a strong side or appendix carry holster. The primary focus is helping the student build speed and accuracy through the proper executions of the fundamentals. The 2-day course starts with the proper presentation from the holster, proper gun manipulation and malfunction clearances. Day 2 incorporates more advanced loading and shooting techniques, and students are evaluated and scored throughout the day in preparation for our signature Boondocks Drill. At the end of the course, students have a solid foundation of fundamentals and ready for more advanced techniques in our advanced level courses.

Defensive Pistol LIVE (Intermediate)

DP Live is our newest course and is open to all students with a solid set of fundamentals. The course begins with an evaluation of the student's ability to quickly present their pistol from the holster and then moves on to an increasingly more challenging LIVE fire qualification standards on our turning target system. All qualification courses of fire are scored and averaged to give the student a good evaluation of his or her shooting skills. The afternoon portion is all LIVE Force on Force scenarios. Students are geared up in protective clothing, issued UTM training guns and face a LIVE role players in scenarios designed to simulate real life situations.

Defensive Pistol II (Advanced)

Our Defensive Pistol II class is a 3-day comprehensive class that teaches students the proper technique for using and shooting from cover or concealment, moving while shooting, low light shooting, room clearing and force on force scenarios. While other courses here at Boondocks FTA™ incorporate portions of these techniques, DP II teaches the "how" and "why" and which technique works best for them in a variety of scenarios. DP II is a great choice for those that are competent in the fundamentals and are looking to take their training to the next level.

Defensive Vehicle Tactics (Advanced)

This two-day course teaches the skills needed to better defend yourself and your family when confronted with a threat around your vehicle. It covers defensive driving awareness, how to exit and use the vehicle for cover, the challenges of shooting from inside a vehicle, and how bullets are affected when impacting a vehicle. This is a true "off the square range course" for advanced students looking for live fire "reality based training."

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FEATURED FIREARM



Smith & Wesson M&P Shield EZ 2.0 in 9mm

Recently Smith & Wesson released a 9mm version of their very popular 380ACP Shield EZ. Smith & Wesson describes the gun as "EZ is easy-to-rack, easy-to-shoot, easy-to-pack, easy-to-load, and easy-to-clean, and it was "built for personal and home protection." Features of the new pistol includes two 8+1 round capacity magazines with " a load assist tab for quick, easy loading" a picatinny-style rail , 3 dot sights and a light, crisp trigger. The secret to the EZ to rack slide and crisp trigger is an internal hammer firing mechanism. Hammer fired guns are typically much easier to rack than striker fired guns, and because the hammer is at full cock, the gun is essentially a single action pistol which means the trigger pull requires less effort to fire the pistol. Much like other single action pistols, the gun comes with a grip safety and an options manual thumb safety. It all adds up to a gun that is "not too big, not too small", EZ to shoot and "an easy choice for personal protection." You can learn more about this innovated designed from the [Smith-Wesson website](#) or visit our Rental Counter in our Pro Shop and take it out for a test drive!





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Mid-Range Munitions

In our [November 2019 newsletter](#), we highlighted the big 3 cartridge families including the 30-06, the .308 Win and the .375 H&H. This month we are going to focus on some mid-range munitions that either fell out of favor or never became popular, but are more than adequate for hunting and a whole lot easier on the shoulder.

The 30-30 Winchester

The 30-30 has been putting food on the table since 1895 and is probably the most famous mid range cartridge. No one doubts the ability of the 30-30 for deer hunting, but the 30-30 is capable of so much more. With the right ammunition, patience and proper shot placement, the 30-30 is capable of taking even the largest hoofed animals in North America. Watch how quickly this [moose falls to the old 30-30](#). On average, the 30-30 launches 150 grain bullet at about 2,300 feet per second and generates about 1,900 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle. It may not be super flashy or fast, but it just plain works, and is worthy of being the baseline for comparison of all the other mid range munition options.

Russian Relevance 7.62 x 39

The 7.62 x 39 is usually associated with the AK47, but there are more and more companies offering bolt action rifles in this caliber. Ballistically it is a little shy of the 30-30 with a 154 grain bullet leaving the muzzle at 2,100 FPS and generating about 1,500 ft-lbs of energy. The 7.62x39 also spawned the .220 Russian (which was created for deer hunting in Russia), and the 6.5 Grendel. Both of these lack the bullet weight options of the 7.62x39 but still generate about 1,400 and 2,400 ft-lbs of energy at the muzzle, respectfully. While you be hard pressed to find a .220

Russian rifle here in the US, the 6.5 Grendel is becoming a popular cartridge in the AR-15 Platform.

223 Remington & 300 Black Out

The 223 Remington has been around since 1957 when the Armalite Rifle Company created the AR-15. The 223 Remington is capable of launching .22 caliber bullets at speeds over 3,000 FPS and generating 1,800 ft-lbs of energy at the muzzle. That comes pretty close to the energy developed by the 30-30, but both military and hunters alike have questioned the effectiveness of the 223 on the battlefield and in the woods. In 2011, the 300 AAC Blackout arrived as an alternative to the .223. It is essentially a .223 case necked up to accept .30 caliber bullets and was designed to replicate the ballistics of the Russian 7.62x39 AK47 round in an AR platform. The 300 BO offers a whole host of bullet weight options ranging from under 100 grains to sub-sonic options over 200 grains. The most applicable to deer hunters are probably those ranging from 110 to 150 grain bullets, which equate to about 1,300 ft-lbs of energy at the muzzle.

The 6.8 Remington SPC

The 6.8 SPC was developed in 2002 in an effort to address the concerns of stopping power with the .223/5.56 NATO rounds. Ironically, the 6.8 SPC is the result of necking down the 30 Remington, a cartridge originally developed to compete with the 30-30 Winchester. However, the 30 Remington never caught on, and now only lives on through its offspring, the 10 MM Auto handgun round developed by Col. Jeff Cooper, the 6.8 SPC, and more recently the .224 Valkyrie. The 6.8 SPC fires the same .277 caliber bullets as the 270 Winchester, at slightly slower velocities but with significantly less recoil. Hunting rounds for the 6.8 SPC average velocities about 2,400 FPS and about 1,600 ft-lbs of energy.

350 Legend

The 350 Legend is the latest entry into the mid-range munitions options. Developed by Winchester in 2019, it is basically a straight walled .223 Remington round. This means it not only functions well in AR platforms, but also meets the straight walled hunting restrictions in many mid-west states. Therefore, manufactures are offering rifles in both Semi-auto AR platforms and bolt action options. Current 350 Legend loads are sending projectiles downrange at about 2,200 FPS with energy levels at about 1,800 ft-lbs. That is about as close to 30-30 Winchester numbers as you can get in modern rifle actions like the AR and Bolt Action platforms.

If you are fortunate enough to have 30, 40, 50 or even more years in the field, you may remember the simpler times before all the whiz bang gadgets, guns and gear. Before high power magnum rifles and long range hunting was all the rage. When all you needed was a tree stump and a lever action 30-30 to fill the freezer. You can also probably count on one hand the number of times you could of, should of, or would have taken a shot at a deer over 200 yards away. The truth is, with proper bullet selection and at ranges of 200 yards and in, any of these rounds are very

capable whitetail rounds. When I talk with other hunters my age I usually hear the same themes over and over . "I am just not as mad at those deer as I used to be" or "I am really not excited about lugging all that gear to the stand or sighting in that shoulder thump-er any more." If this is you, maybe one of these mid-range munitions might add a little more spark to your time on the range and in the stand.

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