

## A DAY AT A TACTICAL COMBAT HANDGUN SCHOOL 7-30-2011

The Zeppelin Rifle Clubs Training Department teaches Basic NRA courses at the club. The attendees of these courses are encouraged to seek out other additional training classes concerning ones wishes and desires. Training courses on a wide variety of subjects and disciplines are available both locally and nationally. Mr. Bob Laird, our club President and firearms instructor, made mention one day of a very good all day Tactical Handgun class that he had attended locally. The class is a Tactical Combat Handgun one, taught by Mr. Dan Clevenger, a Law Enforcement Officer and firearms instructor with the Fairlawn P.D. Dan who is also soon to be a retiree also owns D&D Firearms Instructors. He conducts courses in Concealed Carry, Combat Handgun, Combat Shotgun, and AR-15 Rifle. These courses are mainly taught at KC'S Rifle and Pistol Club at 6111 Lovers' Lane in North Lawrence, Ohio (the Clinton-Massillon area) Dan Clevenger will be improving and expanding this facility with his retirement.

The Combat Handgun course was taught on July 30, 2011 and I was in attendance. This all-day course will have you moving, drawing from a holster, both planned and surprised announcement, multiple targets, different distances, walking and surprise announcement to turn and Draw/Fire, walking backwards and firing, seeking and firing from cover, strong hand, weak hand, both hand firing, firing till empty-reloading-firing till empty-all while moving and keeping your eyes on the threat or threats continuously. The day was a definite learning and eye opening experience along with being a real HOOT to go through. The only drawback was that it was 90 degrees, humid, clear sky and no shade on the outdoor range, which kind of used up this OLE' MANS body, ice water or not. I still thought It was a GREAT DAY FOR ME THOUGH!

Dan and I determined that my smaller hands have a hard time with reaching the de-cocker controls on my new SIG 229, so boo-ho for my new SIG. I went to a backup plan and retrieved a couple of my 1911's from the trunk. The 1911 45ACP feels great along with fitting just like a glove in my hand anyway. Those of you that know me know I love my 1911'S. He said I kept them on the silhouette even with doing head shots. He absolutely feels that one should NOT attempt any head shots unless you can hit it as a poor body shot is still better than any MISSED head shot. I learned many things that as a CCW permit holder I myself need to practice. This practice that I need cannot be done at the Zeppelin range due to our club safety rules, good safety rules I might also add. Holster work & 1911 safety removal work on the holster draw stroke is the practice that I really need. A mistake here could cost you your life in a real shooting situation.

Training in other disciplines or techniques is something that I hope you will choose to pursue if you have the time and finances to do so. I just had a marvelous time with this one and I'm looking forward to the NIGHT FIRE/FLASHLIGHT course to be scheduled sometime this fall. Personnel firearms equipped with Night Sights will even shoot some with the range lights turned off. Anyone interested in real life combat type training, general or informational instruction with firearm operations, firearms fit to your body or hand should consider contacting Dan Clevenger [dclevenger@neo.rr.com](mailto:dclevenger@neo.rr.com) or [www.ccwfiringrange.com](http://www.ccwfiringrange.com) He has decades of real life experiences to help you mold YOUR personnel firearms knowledge and training plan of action.

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