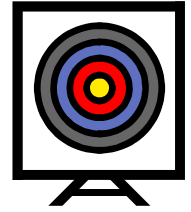




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MRC NEWS

Renewal

If you did not renew by April 30th, your name will be dropped from the MRC membership list.

FYI From Don Jones

The WA state insurance Commissioner has in his words banned the sale of "murder insurance". The result is a ban on NRA Carry Guard insurance and the insurance offered by the USCCA. We have been made defenseless against unscrupulous police interrogation tactics and unjust charges against a person forced to use a firearm in self-defense.

ODDS AND ENDS FROM SHOT SHOW 2019

Here are some new accessories, knives, optics, ammo, etc. that were introduced at this year's Shot Show.

Brownells BRN-180 (AR-18/AR-180)



One of the more interesting offerings from Brownells this year is the BRN-180 upper assembly for your milspec AR-15 lower. The AR-180 was a semi-automatic version of the AR-18 that was developed as a gas piston alternative to the AR-15. It was an exceptionally influential design that was

significant in the development of other rifles like the SA80 and G36. This modernized AR-180 upper is chambered for .223 Wylde, allowing it to get top performance from both .223 Rem and 5.56 NATO. It has a 16" barrel with 1:8" rifling. The bolt carrier group rides on two guide rods and is buffered at the rear by a polymer and steel buffer. It does not need a receiver extension, so you can use a folding stock – and shoot with the stock folded. Other features include M-LOK attachment points on a handguard that is dead simple to remove, a full length Picatinny rail on top and a replica 3-prong AR-180 flash hider. Price is \$799.

CRKT Gungho



Another of the new blades from Columbia River Knife & Tool is the Gungho folder. This is a spring assisted opening knife with a 2.78" tanto-style blade made of 8Cr13MoV steel. It has a plain edge and black oxide finish. One side the handle is made of G10 and stainless steel on the other. It weighs 4.7 ounces. The MSRP is \$59.99

Hi Viz Litewave H3 Sights



Hi Viz released a new sight series called the Litewave H3. The new sights combine a tritium vial with fiber optics for what it terms “24 hour illumination.” According to the company, it uses the brightest tritium available and offers a 12 year warranty on them against loss of illumination. When combined with the fiber optic rods, the shooter is able to get bright sights in daylight and no/low light situations.

Hi Viz uses all steel construction to help ensure the sights are not damaged. You can select your preferred color for the fiber optic rods. Additionally, the front sight has a bright circle around the fiber optic rod for further ease of picking it up under stress. You can have a white or orange ring.

The MSRP: \$55 for the front sight alone or \$135 for a full set.

Norma Monolithic Hollow Point Self Defense Ammunition



Norma announced a new line of personal protection ammunition for handguns and pistol caliber carbines called MHP. The Norma MHP uses an all copper hollow point bullet it calls the “monolithic hollow point.” According to the company, the bullet offers “massive expansion” consistently and from all barrel lengths. The company states the round reliably feeds in all firearms.

The initial load in the line is a 9mm cartridge that uses a 108 grain MHP bullet. It has a muzzle velocity of 1,312 fps. At 50 yards, the bullet has a velocity of 1,179 fps and retains about 333 ft-lbs of energy. A box of 20 carries an MSRP of \$22.48.

Norma Envy Ammunition for PCC



Norma announced a new line of 9mm target ammo that is specifically designed for use in pistol caliber carbines (PCC). Called Envy, the new load uses a 124 grain FMJ bullet that is made with tight tolerances to ensure bullet uniformity. The goal is to “set a new standard of accuracy and performance from PCCs.” According to the company specs, this load should generate about 1,345 fps at the muzzle. A box of 50 carries a MSRP of \$13.01.

New Barnes VOR-TX LR Loads



Barnes Bullets announced three new loads in its VOR-TX LR line:

- .30-06 Sprg with a 175 gr LRX BT bullet @ 2,800 fps
- 6mm Creedmoor with a 95 gr LRX BT bullet (velocities not yet published)
- .270 Win with a 129 gr LRX BT bullet @ 3,140 fps

The LRX BT bullet is the company’s Long Range X-Bullet that is all copper. It is designed for rapid expansion, significant weight retention and a long wound channel to humanely take game at all distances.

Adventure Medical Kits Trauma Pak III



A lot of people carry a gun for self-defense, which is great. Sadly, it seems few people carry life-saving medical gear with them. In the grand scheme of things, you are more likely to need a tourniquet or other medical gear than a pistol. Adventure Medical Kits is one of several companies that is making medical supplies in an easy to grab kit available to the average person like me and you.

This one is designed to stop massive bleeding as quickly as possible so someone can survive to get to professional medical help. Included are a tourniquet with windlass, a 4" pressure dressing (aka Israeli bandage), a triangular bandage, EMT shears, a permanent marker and a pair of gloves. The bag itself can also be used for a chest wound, though you would still need tape to seal the edges.

The entire kit weighs only 8 ounces and has a MSRP of \$39.99.

Timber Creek Enforcer Ambidextrous Charging Handle



New for 2019 is an ambidextrous charging handle from Timber Creek. The company will offer these in 9 different colors including black, red, purple, blue and more. It uses roller bearings in the design.

Nikon Black Force100



Designed to be a close-to-medium range tactical scope for your AR or other rifle, the new Black Force100 is a 1-6x 24 scope that claims no magnification on the low end, has an etched reticle with an illuminated red dot and is both water- and shockproof. Additionally, the rifle scope has a 30mm main body tube, multi-coated optics, is argon purged

for fogging resistance and low profile, capped turrets. Nikon set the MSRP at \$649.95 for the Black Force100. Optional one piece cantilever mounts are also available for \$139.95 each

Stealth Flashless Gunpowder

American Reserve Munitions announced it would begin commercial sales of its near flashless gunpowder under the Stealth brand. Many armed encounters happen in low light conditions, and most defensive ammunition uses some form of low flash gunpowder. The idea is that a bright flash (1) can temporarily blind or disorient the shooter and (2) can give away his or her location to the armed attacker. The first is important to all good guys while the second is probably more important to law enforcement.

According to American Reserve Munitions, Stealth gunpowder:

- Produces no muzzle flash
- Burns 22% cooler than other powders
- 13.8% more accurate than other powders
- Does not cause blooming on night vision devices
- Decreases target re-acquisition time by 39%
- Significantly fewer "jams"

The Stealth powder, and ammunition loaded with it, will be available to consumers through the American Reserve Munitions website later this year.

Birchwood Casey Adjustable Target Stands



Birchwood Casey announced a new Adjustable Target Stand kit. The kit is made to be easy to set up and take down. It can be adjusted to handle targets with widths of 13" – 25". It looks like a handy contraption that you can toss into your trunk or truck bed and carry out to the range. The MSRP will be \$53.40.

LaserMax Lightning Universal Laser for Pistols



LaserMax announced a new laser aiming product called the Lightning. The LaserMax Lightning is a “universal fit” unit that mounts to any handgun rail that is at least 1” in length and uses the company’s GripSense Activation technology. Features include 20-hour battery life, no-tool battery replacement, programmable laser (either steady on or pulsed beam), water resistance and a 5-year warranty. The new Lightning will be offered with a red laser (\$169.99) or a daylight visible green laser (\$229.99)

Safariland Shooters’ Range Backpack



Safariland is now offering a backpack designed specifically for range time. The Safariland bag has a reinforced bottom for carrying heavy ammo, lockable zippers, a dual pistol sleeve, multiple zippered compartments and an all weather cover for keeping rain and snow out. The pack will be available for \$195. It will be offered in black, tan and gray colors.

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