

# The Airfield Flyer

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## Airfield Shooting Club at the Airfield 4H Center ~ Wakefield, Virginia

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### ASC President's Commentary Opportunities Are Knocking...

In my last newsletter column, I advertised our next Women on Target class coming up on Saturday, November 14, 2009. I was one of the instructors at the last Women on Target class held in April of this year. We had fifty enthusiastic ladies that attended. As one of the instructors, I witnessed ladies that were initially nervous or unsure, and whose statements were "I'm not sure I can do that." or "Do I have to shoot a rifle?", but soon those statements changed to "Let me try that again!" or "I cannot wait to buy my own rifle (shotgun, pistol, etc.)." The class provides a unique opportunity for women to sample the overall shooting experience, because it takes them through several disciplines, including training with pistol, rifle, and shotgun, all in one day. There is one little difference between our last Women on Target class and the class to be held on November 14; we will give the ladies a chance after lunch to go back to the discipline(s) that they enjoyed the most for more practice and fun. If you are a female ASC member, we encourage you to come out and join us. Since this is a "Ladies Only" class, I urge all of you male ASC members to encourage the females in your lives (wives, sisters, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, nieces, aunts, secretaries, co-workers, etc.) to seize upon this unique opportunity. The class is open to females from ages 12 and up. In our last class, I am proud to say that the "and up" age was a young lady just over the age of 80! We ask that those ladies age 12 to 17 be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Dale Mullin, ASC Chief Instructor, for more information at (757) 420-4419 (please, no calls after 9:30 p.m.). Or, go to our website, [airfieldshootingclub.org](http://airfieldshootingclub.org), and click on the Women on Target Registration Form link.

As for other future ASC opportunities, the ASC Board hopes to soon have in place on our website

an ASC Member's Section where our members can exchange ideas; tell the location of great ammo prices; or offer each other special "members only" opportunities. Until we get that section up and running, I did want to let all of you know that one of our ASC members, Philip Van Cleave, wishes to extend a special offer for ASC members only. Philip is a certified Utah concealed carry instructor. He is offering the Utah concealed carry course at the Airfield 4-H Center on Saturday, December 12, 2009, starting at 10:00 a.m. This Utah course will allow participants to apply for a Utah carry permit that is recognized in 27 states! Those of you who travel a lot may find the permit very useful, especially for those of you who have a Virginia carry permit and you travel to or through Alabama and Georgia, which are states that do not recognize the Virginia permit, but they do recognize the Utah permit. The cost of the Utah course is \$70.00. If you wish to take advantage of this special "members only" opportunity, contact Philip Van Cleave at (804) 639-0600.

HELP US HIT THE BULLSEYE! The ASC Board is here to serve the ASC members. Your comments and thoughts are always welcome whether about the matters discussed above or other important matters concerning the range. Just log on to [airfieldshootingclub.org](http://airfieldshootingclub.org) and send your comments to us via the "Contact Us" tab at the top.

I look forward to seeing you on the range!

Tim Drewry  
ASC President

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#### Special Note

- Our regular Newsletter Editor Stan Winner is on convalescent leave recovering from a hospital stay. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers so he can return to full duty as soon as possible.

### Virginia Elections November 3rd

Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day in Virginia. Remember to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice. NRA ratings of the candidates can be found at [NRA ILA](http://www.nrapvf.org/) or type <http://www.nrapvf.org/> into the address bar of your browser and find out about the candidates that are up for election.





## Chief Instructor's Corner - Boy Scouts

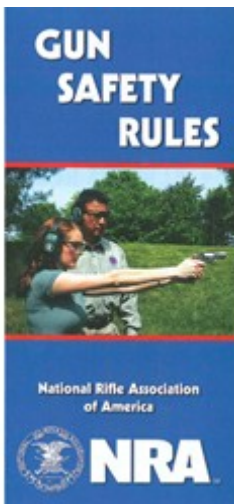
By Dale Mullin

Boy Scouts - We've recently been doing a lot of work with Boy Scout groups. I'm always excited when we have the opportunity to introduce young folks to the shooting sports. There is so much misinformation out there about firearms that it is WONDERFUL to have the opportunity to properly inform those who will decide the future of our sport. Due to Boy Scout requirements this work falls primarily on those of us who hold NRA instructor credentials, but each and every one of you can help in your own way by always acting as responsible role models. Always handle firearms in a safe and responsible manner and you'll be doing your part to impart a positive image of the shooting sports on our next generation.

Range Safety Officer Course? – All of our ASC members have received training in how to safely operate our range, but some members have recently expressed an interest in obtaining more training. They'd like to become NRA Certified Range Safety Officers. If there is enough interest I'll discuss this with our NRA Training Counselor. If you are interested in becoming an NRA Certified Range Safety Officer drop me an e-mail and I'll add your name to my list.

Stay safe and I'll see you on the range.

Dale Mullin



## VSSA Reloading Clinics

Is the cost of ammunition getting you down? The VSSA is holding reloading clinics at Gander Mountain. Cartridge Clinic 7 November in Richmond  
Shotgun Clinic 5 December Richmond

Clinic runs from 10AM to 6:30PM

For more information and other dates and places go to [VSSA Reloading](http://www.vssa.org) or type in <http://www.myvssa.org/reloading.htm>.

## Gun Show Help Needed

The Norfolk Gun show for 7-8 November has been cancelled. It has been tentatively rescheduled for April 2010.

The next gun show is 28-29 November at the Hampton Convention Center. Volunteers needed  
Contact Andy 328 4464

## Skeet Key Update



Those of you who use our skeet range may or may not be aware that we've run into some minor issues with our skeet keys. The keys that have been issued are what we refer to as "count-up" keys. They allow our members to keep track of the rounds they've shot by counting up as targets are selected on the control panel. The keys have a built in safeguard in case they should be lost and fall into the hands of non-members. The keys will not allow more than 2000 targets (that is 80 rounds of skeet) to be thrown until their programming has been refreshed.

members and are once again able to reprogram the skeet keys. In the short term we may simply exchange your old key for a new one. Bill Randall, Richard Duck, and I have programmed keys that can be exchanged for your older key. Your old key will be turned in for reprogramming and will eventually be reissued. Some day we may acquire a laptop so that we can reprogram your skeet key on the spot, while you wait.

This process should go pretty smoothly if we're careful to ensure that the newly issued key number is properly associated with your name and membership number. At the same time the old key number will be removed from your record and put back into the pool of available skeet keys. When you insert your key in the controller you'll be able to see the total count on your current skeet key. If the count is approaching 2000 targets, contact Bill Randall, Richard Duck, or me to obtain a replacement key.

Some of our members are now running into that 2000 target limit and the 4-H Center's computer (where our Target Key software was installed) has started having some major problems. We've taken the bull by the horns and installed the Target Key program on a couple of computers owned by BoD

Dale Mullin



## Next Board Meeting 21 Nov at 9AM

The Board of Directors meetings are open to all members and prospective members.

Prospective members can make arrangements to complete their range qualifications after the completion of the board meeting.

- Agenda
- Minutes from September
- Reports
- Old Business
- New Business

*Ensure that you check out the calendar on our website before heading out to the range.*

## XO's Corner

Please do not set items upon the target frames to use as targets. When you miss the mark, all too often you hit the frame tearing it up. This cost your club money and resources to repair and replace. Place targets on the cardboard provided and hang them in the approved fashion.

In the near future The frames will be painted red and carry a do not shoot reminder.

Bill Skora

The official range rules have been updated and posted to the club website. There are a number of updates designed to enhance safety such as remaining behind the red line while the range is cold.

Please read and familiarize yourself with the updates.

[Airfield Shooting Club Range Rules](#)

## Boy Scout Troop #364

On Saturday October 24th. Airfield Shooting Club provided Range Safety Officers and Instructors to Boy Scout Troop #364 under Scoutmaster and ASC member Mike Lambiase for their camping and shooting weekend at Airfield 4-H Center. The boy's received training and practice in rifle, shotgun, and archery disciplines.

A big thanks to members Dale Mullin, Steve Gordon, Curtis Stone and Dave Yaconis for spending a full day assisting Mike and myself teach youngsters the safe handling of firearms.

John Zupka

## Women on Target 14 November 2009

Women On Target is designed to create more hunting and shooting opportunities for women. There are currently about two million American women who hunt and an additional four million who enjoy target shooting. These numbers are steadily increasing.

Women On Target is helping women learn shooting and hunting skills in a safe and supportive women-only atmosphere.

ASC is sponsoring a Women on Target event 14 November.

For more information and to obtain an application check out the ASC website at [Airfield Women on Target](#) or type in [http://www.airfieldshootingclub.org/wot\\_11\\_2009\\_app.pdf](http://www.airfieldshootingclub.org/wot_11_2009_app.pdf) in the address bar of your browser.



## Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Match 7 November

Congratulations to Will Sonnet for Top Cowboy at the October Match.

The Pungo Posse is a SASS affiliated club and shoots the first Saturday of each month at Airfield Shooting Club.

Cowboy Action shooting is one of the fastest growing segments of shooting sports. Many have attributed this growth to the friendly nature of most of the cowboy shooters or the addictive fun once a shooter

assumes an "alias" and gets into the aspects of the action.

Everyone is welcome to come out and see what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about although new shooters will be required to observe one match before they can participate unless they are SASS members visiting from another range. Matches typically consist of for to six stages and registration starts at 8AM.

### PUNGO POSSE



### COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING CLUB



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### Board of Directors

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## Service hour Opportunities

Gun Shows contact Andy Romano ([andy.romano@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:andy.romano@airfieldshootingclub.org))

Range Care John Zupka ([john.zupka@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:john.zupka@airfieldshootingclub.org))

Swamp Shooters youth shooting program Dale Mullin ([dale.mullin@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:dale.mullin@airfieldshootingclub.org))

## The Range Bag - Shooting Chrony Beta Master

Reviews of Shooting related equipment and tips and tricks for shooters of all types.

If you want to write a review of a piece of equipment that could help your fellow shooters or provide a substantial tip or trick that could help an aspiring shooter email Greg at [webmaster@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:webmaster@airfieldshootingclub.org) and we will work with you to get your efforts posted on the web page or right here in the club newsletter.

I have been reloading for a long time but it was mostly just a way of saving money for plinking at the range. So I usually just used the starting loads from some of the loading manuals and did not worry about the details.

With the recent hike in ammunition prices and the scarcity of some calibers I have ramped up my reloading and I am not sure of the performance of some of the loads I am using. I decided that I needed a chronograph to see what kind of velocities I was getting.

I did a lot of research and looked into a number of different models. I ended up getting a Shooting Chrony Beta Master on sale from Midway.

Check out the review online at [The Range Bag](#) to see how well the Chrony performed for me and hopefully it will help you make a decision whether or not it is the right choice for you.

