



Austin Rifle Club

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May-June 2008

Gate crasher costs ARC hundreds

Travis County Sherriff Office investigation continues

A bone headed gate crasher wrecked the Austin Rifle Club's new, automatic early on April 26, and the Travis County Sheriff's Office is on the case.

Instead of swiping their newly-coded ARC badge to activate the auto open function, someone smashed through the gate, bending and destroying the electrical actuator arm assembly and costing more than \$850 in emergency repairs.

The gate crasher either wasn't a current member, an uninvited guest or just a vandal.

The gate crasher was given sufficient time to come forth and disclose this incident but choose not to. Therefore, this doesn't appear to just be an accident.

"After a reasonable period of time, we reported this criminal mischief to the Travis County Sheriff's Department," said Austin Rifle Club President Greg Troxell.



Travis County Sheriff Office Senior Deputy Brian Berrios takes evidence at the scene of the crime. ARC will prosecute this and any acts of vandalism against the club.

A full criminal report was made and the ARC Board requested that when the gate crasher is identified, that authorities prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

"We all have a vested right and ownership in our club and this action is unacceptable and cannot and will not be tolerated. We spend thousands of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars to make our range the finest sportsman's club in central Texas and such mistreatment cannot continue," Troxell

said.

"We all have a responsibility in assuring such actions do not happen and if they do, they must be reported immediately," Troxell said. "It is our club and we all have the responsibility of ensuring its safety and welfare."

TARGET SETTERS NEEDED!

The Austin Rifle Club is honored to host the Texas State Rifle Association's Hunter Pistol and Pistol Championship in June. The range is looking great, but we still need target setters for the competition. If you know a group that could volunteer, contact Wayne Harlow at 585-5730.

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ON TARGET: ARC member takes National Championship

ARC member Mike Downey set the new National 1000-yard record in February at the Arizona State Long-range Championships. Downey, pictured at the competition to the right, shot 20 rounds at 1,000 yards with a score of 199 and 15 Xs.



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Changes to ARC Yearly Membership Renewal Procedures

You have no doubt noticed the increased emphasis the Board of Directors has placed on safety and security in the past year. These changes are focused on insuring that everyone on our range understands, agrees with, and abides by the ARC range and safety rules.



ARC Director of Membership
Ken Kornblum

Our liability insurance company requires that we know who is using our range. That is why we have renewed our emphasis on requiring all members to wear their badges while at the range, and requiring their guests to be signed into our guest log and wear badges while visiting our club.

To this end we have implemented physical security changes such as an automated entry gate, guest log and badges,

and increased RSO presence on the range.

Our next step in this area will be to move our membership renewal season to the last three

months of the year: October, November and December. This will eliminate the practice of having non-renewed members using the range for the first three months of every year while continuing to offer a lengthy renewal period and uninterrupted range access to renewed members.

Additionally, since our bylaws state that, "Voting members shall be members who are current in full dues, and Life members." Only renewed members shall be able to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Starting this year, I will begin to send out renewal notices on the first of October; giving members three months for yearly renewal before the end of the year. Members who renew before December 31 will have no interruption of the use of their ARC proximity card/badges. On January 1, expired members who have not renewed their membership will not be able to open the gate with their ARC proximity card/badges and will be denied entry to the range.

We will, of course, still offer the ability to renew at the Annual Meeting in January as well as the Annual Banquet. Late renewals will have their ARC proximity card/badges reinstated immediately by the Director of Memberships.

New Range Safety Officers Certified

On May 4, seven ARC members were certified as NRA Range Safety Officers after taking a class taught by Earl Wellborn.

Congratulations and a new RSO ARC membership badge are in order for Jim Bittick, Greg Breedlove, Bob Landry, Josh O'Quin, Kevin Pinto, Duane Troxell and John Waite.

NEW MEMBERS



GEORGE P. FULLER, NOLAN HODGES, ROBERT WINOVITCH, BECKY WINOVITCH, ZACH WINOVITCH, DARVIN J. BUCEK, JESS L. THOMPSON, JUSTIN SWITT, LARRY COWLES, MICHAEL PHILLIPS, AMY HARRELSON, KATHRYN ERWIN, REGGIE RONGERO, ROBERT RONGERO, SONIA RONGERO

Safer shooting on Range B



Thanks the leadership of ARC member Wayne Harlow and the efforts of Duane Troxell, Jim Bittic, Floyd Clark, Doug Ogden, Alan Felder, Nolan Felder, Bob Williams, Ryan Gibich, Les Sorrells, David Phillips, and Bruce Allen, the Range B Browns are installed.



ARC Tradin' Post

FOR SALE: Two Hornaday-Pacific shotgun loaders, one RCBS press, scales, loading dies, small tools and accessories, knives, many other items.

OBO. Email me for a picture, call Jim Graham at 830.228.4350 or email at graham@GVTC.com

and others) \$625.00 512-378-1674 work, budjohnso@cisco.com

FOR SALE: Marlin .22 Match Rifle; Model 2000L, green laminate stock, adjustable length to fit youth/adult, match adjustable sights, rail, hand stop, is like new-bought for my daughter but she only shot it about a box. \$550

FOR SALE: Remington 700 BDL, 7MM Rem. Mag. Wood stock, gloss finish, trigger job, barrel floated and a Burris 3X12 scope. Some small handling marks on the stock. Sub MOA shooter. Includes 80 rounds of factory ammunition. (40 Federal with Nosler Partitions

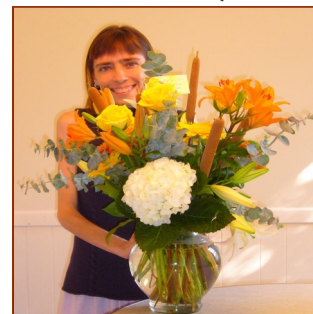
FOR SALE: Remington 700 BDL, 30-06 Springfield, wood stock, non-glossy blue finish. Trigger job, glass bedded and barrel floated. Scope is 6X 18 Nikon. Good shooter. Some small handling marks on the stock. \$550.00 Call Bud Johnson, 512-258-3959 home, marinerbud01@aol.com

To all friends and acquaintances of Sandy and Dana Rigg,

Sandy Rigg passed away Friday, April 4th, in a hospital in Dallas and we are all saddened by the loss of this dear lady.

Sandy was very dedicated to her husband Dana, and to the Austin Rifle Club. Sandy's strength and passion, even through illness, lead the way in revitalizing the Club's education program. As a Board member, Sandy generated many valuable ideas and was a catalyst for getting things done. In the short time that I knew her, I found Sandy to be very positive, never seeking personal recognition for her efforts. She was dedicated to the shooting sports, frequently generating ideas to involve the community outside the membership of the club. I valued Sandy's insight into club matters, and will miss her very much.

Greg Troxell
President, Austin Rifle Club



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MAY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 RANGE WORK DAY
4 9am, range C, High Power 3pm Jr. Muzzleloading Range A	5	6 6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice	7	8 7 pm board meeting, Marie Calendar's Gateway	9	10 8am Firearms cleaning workshop 10 am Woman's Entry pistol course
11 9am Range D/E Pistol/Cowboy silhouette match	12	13 6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice	14	15 7pm-General Meeting, Education Bldg	16	17 9am, intro small-bore F-class rifle/silhouette; 9 am Armed Forces Day, 3 pm Range Orientation
18 9am E, 100 meter F-class 9am A, 2700 Conventional Pistol; 1pm D/E smallbore rifle silhouette	19	20 6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice	21	22 3pm CHL qualification course	23	24 11 am CHL qualification course
25 10am C, varmint benchrest 1pm D/E blackpowder rifle match 1pm hunter benchrest match	26	27 6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice	28	29	30	31 9 am CPR and Tactical Medicine

JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am C, high power rifle match; 3 pm A, Jr. muzzle loading practice</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>8 am TRSA State Hunter pistol match</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am TRSA State Hunter pistol match</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>8 am TSRA Texas State Pistol Championship match; 9am Range E, 100 meter F-class</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9am a Ben Hur Provost Guard practice; 6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>3pm A-CHL class 7pm General Meeting, Education Bldg.</p>	20	<p>21 9am D/E Jr. sporter rifle 3pm Range Orientation</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10am C, Varmint benchrest; 1pm D/E, Blackpowder rifle match; 1 pm C Hunter benchrest</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm Indoor Air Range practice</p>	25	26	27	28
<p>29</p>	30					

YIKES! Watch out for that gate...



We've had a few people stop for various reasons while still in the gate swing-zone and the gate has impacted their car when it attempted to close. Fortunately, there has been no damage to the gate or our members' personal property, but this is still a concern.

The gate is programmed to stay open for 12 seconds. Breaking the light beam which shines across the gate threshold resets the timer, so it will close 12 seconds after your car passes through. But, if you are on the inside and you stop before the threshold then the gate may close on your car.

Federal law mandates that when an electronic gate hits an object it

should return to the full open position and then go out of service. This prevents the gate from repeatedly whacking some poor soul who may have fallen in its path. This requires an authorized person to MANUALLY reset the gate to put it back into normal operation. You can see this is a logistical problem due to the remoteness of our range.

You may have noticed that I placed a new sign on the gate with the club's new phone number! This is an automated answering service. If you should have any problems with the entry gate please call the number posted there (512-498-3846) and follow the directions to be connected to me. I will see to it that the issue is resolved as quickly as

possible.

I ask the membership to please observe the following: (1) When the gate opens please drive through immediately and do not stop in the swing area; (2) If you should impact the gate please call the number posted on the gate so we can get it back into operation as soon as possible.

I remind all members to **PLEASE always badge-in through the gate and badge-out as you leave; EVEN IF** the gate is locked open or if you follow another car through. Thank you very much.

— Ken Kornblum
Austin Rifle Club Director of Memberships

Tactical First Aid



Hugh Morrison,
ARC Education Director

Signup now for the Sat, May 31st CPR and Tactical Medicine Course. Cost is \$100 for ARC members and \$125 to the general public.

This is one of the best courses to learn the fundamentals of CPR, using a defibrillator, advanced bandaging and carrying the wounded.

As last year the course is being taught by the one and only Vicky Smith.

Vicky is a trained SWAT-medic with hair-raising real-life tales that will show you why you need Tampax in your first-aid kit, as well teach many other life-saving skills that you as a gun-owner should have.

This is most likely the only time this course will be offered in 2008!

Here is Vicky's contact information:

Victoria R. Smith, BAAS, NREMT-P, LP, BCLS & AED Training Coordinator
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Save the Date

Rifle sight-in days:

- August 23
- September 27
- October 25

How to buy a handgun

- July 12
- October 11

Introduction to pistol

- July 19
- October 18

Firearm Cleaning

- August 16
- November 8

Introduction to .22 silhouette and small-bore F-Class shooting

- May 17

To register or for more information, contact Hugh Morrison at 512-294-8321 or at education@austinrifleclub.org

Rifle and pistol silhouette targets for sale

CNC Plasma cut from A36 steel.

- Smallbore Rifle Swingers, clamp to silhouette rail. \$65.00*/Set of four. Chicken is 3/8" thick, all other animals are 1/4" thick.
- Smallbore Rifle swingers on folding stands.



\$160.00*

Stands fold up for trans-

portation. 3/16" steel backing can be welded

to back legs to form a bullet trap, add \$65.00*.



- Smallbore Hunter Pistol Silhouette Swingers with chains and quick links. 1/2 Scale Chicken cut from 3/8" steel, Pig and Turkey are from 1/4 steel and Ram from 3/16". \$75.00*



- Hunter Pistol Silhouette with chains and quick links all cut from 3/8" material. \$95.00*

- Pistol Silhouette combo, One 3/8" Chicken, One light and one heavy of each the Pig, Turkey and Ram. \$155.00*.

- Coming soon, Hunter pistol ringers with folding stands.

Also available, standard targets (rifle or pistol) with feet sold in sets of four (one each animal) or 20 (five each animal).

*Due to the volatile nature of steel prices, all prices subject to change.

Contact Wayne Harlow 512-585-5730



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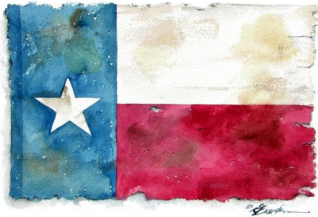
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The Austin Rifle Club, Inc. is an organization of about 1,200 Central Texans who enjoy shooting sports, competition, and are devoted to safety and education. The Club traces its roots to a club chartered in 1894. The Club is a private, not-for-profit organization associated with the National Rifle Association, the Texas State Rifle Association, and the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The Club has an active NRA Junior Division. Range facilities are on Littig Road, between Manor and Elgin. The range is situated on a Club-owned 28 acre tract developed for several different shooting disciplines. The Austin Rifle Club has seven shooting ranges, from seven to 300 yards.



A soldier takes aim at the annual Armed Forces Day celebration May 18

The general membership meeting is at the ARC Educational Building, at 7 p.m. on the Third Thursday of each month.

All ARC members are encouraged to attend. It's a great way to get involved in club activities and get to know other club members.