Mississippi Handgun Permit Information

There is an “Enhanced Carry Permit” available in Miss. You can apply for an Enhanced Permit once you have completed required training here, OR if you have a current MS permit, you can take the training and get an endorsement on your current permit. Either way, the Enhanced Permit allows you to carry legally in far more places in Mississippi.

With the REGULAR GUN PERMIT, it is A CRIME to carry a gun into:
- Any police, sheriff, or Highway Patrol station or any prison or jail;
- Any polling place;
- Any public park;
- Any school, college, university;
- Any school, college, or professional sporting event;
- Any establishment that serves liquor as their primary business (bar);
- Any church or other place of worship.

With the ENHANCED GUN PERMIT, all of the restrictions ARE REMOVED, except:
- Police, Sheriffs, or Highway Patrol stations, prisons, and jails; and
- Courtrooms where court is in session.

With what other states does Mississippi have reciprocity? (Whose permits do we honor, who honors ours?)

Hunters for the Hungry

The Christmas Season is a time of giving and of thinking of others. A new study commissioned by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and conducted by Mile Creek Communications reveals that last year 11 million meals were provided to the less fortunate through donations of venison by hunters. Nearly 2.8 million pounds of game meat made its way to shelters, food banks and church kitchens and onto the plates of those in need.

The Hunters for the Hungry program allows hunters to donate all or part of their deer meat when they have the animal butchered at their local game processor. The hunter pays for the processing, and the processor delivers the meat to homeless shelters and church groups within the local community.

Continuing Education for Firearms Instructors

Rangemaster’s training staff believes strongly in the need for continuing education and skill development among trainers. When we quit learning, it’s time to quit teaching! To achieve this goal in 2011, several of our staff took various courses, both here and off-site.

In 2011, we hosted a MAG-20 course taught by Massad Ayoob, and several of our instructors attended. We also hosted a Glock Armorer’s Course, a Smith & Wesson M&P Armorer’s Course, and a Kimber 1911 Armorer’s Course, each taught by representatives from the respective factories and several of our staff became factory certified armorer. Instructor Steve Palmer attended a six day Firearms Instructor School at Paul Howe’s CSAT facility in Texas, as well as separate patrol rifle and precision rifle courses taught at law enforcement academies. Lynn Givens went to central Kentucky to take a three-day handgun course taught by Gunsite staff instructors. This is all part of our commitment to bringing you up to date training, taught by instructors who can actually shoot well.

Jim Daily with an almost perfect target on a demanding course, Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course, Oklahoma City, OK
“Proven Techniques, Tactics, & Thinking For the Real World”

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2012 Tactical Conference Announced

The annual Polite Society/Rangemaster Tactical Conference started out at Rangemaster and was conducted there its first eight or nine years. Seeking more room, we held this event at the Memphis Police Academy a couple of years, and the last few years at the fabulous facilities of the United States Shooting Academy in Tulsa, OK. For 2012, we are returning to our roots, and will be conducting this event at Rangemaster, in Memphis.

Until the last few years, we held this event in February, so students would have a training opportunity in the Winter, taking advantage of our heated indoor range and classrooms. We are going back to that, with a date of 24-26 February 2012, Friday through Sunday. We will make use of the indoor range’s ability to control the lighting, and scenarios will be in low light conditions. We have added some finished space upstairs, so we now have more room for training. By making this a three day event, participants can attend a variety of training segments.

Some of the best trainers in the United States will be offering training blocks throughout this event. Participants may attend as many of these training blocks as time allows, on a space available basis. By making this a three-day event for 2012, participants will be able to attend even more training segments than in past years. The trainers for 2012 include: Tom Givens, John Farnam, Southnarc, Claude Werner, Jim Higginbotham, William Aprill, Paul Gomez, John Hearne, Dr. Martin Topper, Steve Moses, Skip Gochenour, Glenn Meyer, Karl Rehn, Lt. Chuck Haggard and several others. Training segments will be a mixture of classroom lectures; hands-on training in the mat room for hand to hand skills; and airsoft simulations. The live fire match will be conducted with your every day concealed carry gear and full power ammunition, in reduced lighting.

Entry will be strictly limited to 100 participants. Register early to avoid disappointment. This event will fill well in advance. Cost is only $249.00, which includes match entry, all training segments, and a prize drawing. Contact rangemaster.tom@gmail.com with any questions.
The Cornered Cat, Ladies Only Handgun Course

On Feb. 18-19, 2012, Rangemaster will be pleased to host a Cornered Cat Ladies Only Course featuring Kathy Jackson.

Kathy is the editor of Concealed Carry Magazine, a staff instructor at the Firearms Academy of Seattle, and the author of The Cornered Cat, one of the best books on women's self defense issues. Kathy is a talented shooter and a very knowledgeable trainer. As a woman who carries daily and has for some time, Kathy is a wealth of information on specific carry modes, holster designs, clothing options and other issues women face in this arena. She will be assisted in this class by several of Rangemaster's lady instructors, including Lynn Givens.

This course is ladies only. Students need to be prior graduates of at least our basic handgun permit class.

Cost is $400. Call 901-370-5600 to register.

Students will need:

- Handgun, at least .38 Special or 9mm caliber;
- At least one spare magazine or speedloader, although more is always better;
- A good belt holster, worn on a pants belt, on pants with belt loops;
- 500 rounds of jacketed ammunition.

Eye/ear protection is available here at no charge, or bring your own.

Our range and classroom are fully heated and comfortable. Dress for indoor comfort.

Class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days. There will be a lunch break each day.
Springfield Armory XD Pistol Magazine Problems

The Springfield Armory line of XD and XD-M pistols seem to be rugged and fairly reliable pistols. We see a lot of them in classes on the road, particularly in Texas, for some reason. In two recent Texas classes, we had a fairly large number of these handguns, and we saw a huge number of malfunctions with them. In both cases, the outdoor ranges were very dusty, due to the ongoing drought problems in Texas. Pistols of other makes ran fine, but during every break we had to disassemble the XD’s magazines and clean them out. Despite the continual efforts to clean them out, the magazines continued to cause feeding problems.

Examination revealed the problem was very weak magazine springs. Even when clean, some of the magazine springs were too weak to push up a full load of cartridges, and once dusty they would not work at all. One student had an .45 XD and the magazines refused to feed with more than 7 cartridges in them, clean or not. With the floorplate removed from the magazines, the spring only stuck out maybe one or two coils from the magazine body.

Brownell’s has Wolff extra power magazine springs for the XD. See http://www.brownells.com/.aspx/cid=10002/avs|Make~~Model_1=Springfield__XD/Products/Handgun-Parts. I highly recommend you obtain these and replace the OEM springs if you plan to use an XD for serious purposes.

Combat Focus Shooting at Rangemaster in March

Rob Pincus of I.C.E. Training will be here to conduct a two-day Combat Focus Shooting handgun course on March 1-2, 2012. This is a fast paced course and Rob is an enthusiastic and talented instructor. See http://www.combatfocusshooting.com/calendar/location/3/Tennessee to register for this class.

The Combat Focus® Shooting Program is an Intuitive shooting program designed to help the student be more Efficient with a defensive firearm in the context of a Dynamic Critical Incident. The Combat Focus® Shooting Course is not designed to make you the best shooter you can be on the range, rather its goal is to help you quickly develop fundamental skills that you can apply in a worst case scenario defensive shooting situation. $400.00.

Advanced Firearms Instructor Course

We conduct our Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course in various states, several times each year. In 2011, we conducted this course in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Georgia. Once each year, we offer a two-day Advanced Firearms Instructor Course at the home range in Memphis. The next one will be Feb. 11-12, 2012, Saturday-Sunday, 9am-6pm both days. This course picks up right where the three-day course ends. We study course design, target selection and design, alternate scoring methodologies, first aid for firearms instructors, and criminal psychology. We bring in specialists to address some of these issues, in addition to our regular instructors. On the range, we work on increasing your shooting speed while still maintaining a high degree of accuracy. Students fire about 800 rounds in two intensive days of training. Attendance is limited to those who have previously graduated from our firearms instructor course. Cost is only $279.00. Call 901-370-5600 to register.
Have Gun, Will Travel . . .

That was the title on the business card of the roving gunman played by Richard Boone in the old Western TV series “Paladin”. I know how he felt as an itinerant gunman. In 2011, Lynn and I were all over the country conducting various courses, including Combative Pistol, Defensive Shotgun, and Firearms Instructor Courses. We taught at ranges in Baton Rouge, LA; Tyler, Texas; Longview, Texas; Weatherford, Texas; Oklahoma City, OK; Kansas City, MO; Florence, SC; Austin, TX; Tulsa, OK; Knoxville, TN; Cave City, KY; Culpeper, VA; and Americus, Georgia. In some cases, we were there in both the Spring and the Fall. In all, we drove over 35,000 miles in 2011.

It looks like we’ll be on the road even more in 2012. We’ll be back at just about all the locations listed above, plus we’ll be doing a Four-Day Firearms Instructor Course in the Seattle area in June. I look forward to seeing our old friends and to making new ones in our travels.
RECI PROCAL STATES

The Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit is valid anywhere in Tennessee. In addition, it is also recognized in a number of other states. You can legally carry a firearm with a Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit in the following 38 states:

Mississippi        Missouri          Nevada          Pennsylvania          Arkansas
Alabama           Louisiana        Idaho             Vermont             Utah
Georgia            Texas             Montana          Delaware         Nebraska
Florida            Oklahoma         N. Dakota        Alaska            Iowa
S. Carolina        Kansas           S. Dakota        New Hampshire
N. Carolina        Colorado         Minnesota        W. Virginia
Virginia           New Mexico       Michigan         Ohio
Kentucky           Arizona

Shooters on the line, watched over by Tom & Lynn, KR Training, Austin, Texas