



Carmi Rifle Club NEWSLETTER



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2018

2018 in Review



Caption: Women attending Carmi Rifle Club's 2018 Annual Women On Target Shooting Clinic **First row:** Pat Price, Jamie Womble, Debbie Bunting, Carolyn Brewer, Johnetta McClarley, Joanie Dozier, Lori Roy, Jan Ward, Jessica Bond, Judy Gannar **Second row:** Women On Target coordinator Valinda Rowe, Lindy Bond, Chris McCorkle, Sherry Pollard, Connie Hocking, Mary Elliott, Lori Wiseman, Sandy McIntire, Crystal Bunting, Sandy Endicott, **Third row:** firing line supervisors: Kevin Nelson, William Hunt, Greg Webb, David Johnson, Jody Moore, Cindy Williams, Cassandra Frazier, Karen Waterbury, Kayla Smock, Teresa Knasel, Tonya Trevino, line supervisors Sheryl Woodham and Chris Armstrong, Emily Frost **Fourth Row:** Jay Armstrong, Steve Griffin, Jim Mitchell, Chris Sherrard, Roy Hardesty, Mike Rowe. Not pictured, volunteer Dawn Williams

Carmi Rifle Club Hosts Annual Women On Target Shooting Clinic

Women came from all over southern Illinois to attend the annual NRA Women On Target shooting event sponsored by the Carmi Rifle Club this past Saturday. The day long shooting clinic began with an orientation session which included firearm safety training, range safety training, and instruction on the basic fundamentals of marksmanship. The morning was divided between trapshooting with 20-gauge, 12-gauge, .410 shotguns and indoor target shooting with .22 caliber handguns.

A picnic lunch was provided for the attendees and a smorgasbord of guns was available for the ladies to shoot in the afternoon. Club members provided: .22 LR rifles/pistols, 9mm pistol, .38 Special pistols, .45 ACP pistols, a wide variety of .22 rifles, .30 Carbine rifle, AR-15 Rifles, and AK-47 semi-automatic Rifles. Each gun had an instructor assigned to it for instruction and safety. The ladies also enjoyed trying their skills at shooting the steel challenge.

Carmi Rifle Club, in conjunction with a grant from the Friends of the NRA, supplied the ammunition and club members supplied all the firearms for the day. The club offers a special thank you to the volunteers who supervised the firing line: Mike Rowe, Jim Mitchell, Roy Hardesty, Steve Griffin, Jay Armstrong, Dawn Williams, William Hunt, Greg Webb, David Johnson, Kevin Nelson, Sheryl Woodham, and Women On Target coordinator Valinda Rowe. An extra big thank you to club members Dawn Williams and Christina Armstrong for preparing the lunch.

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Community events open to the public are posted on the Carmi Rifle Club website www.CarmiRifleClub.com and on the Carmi Rifle Club Facebook page.



Front row: Lynn Simmons, Rick Van Giesen, Alex Bond, Chris Lueke, Paul Russell, Dave Elwood, Audrey Elwood, Gabe Arnold, Jennifer Arnold. **Second row:** Valinda Rowe, Kevin Nelson, William Hunt, Rhonda Button, Devani Mendonca, Lucas Lueke, Abrianna Russell, Logan Arnold. **Back row:** Sheryl Woodham, Dave Johnson, Greg Webb, Roy Hardesty, Steve Griffin, Chris Sherrard, Mike Rowe, Jim Mitchell, Jay Armstrong, Joe Albright. Not pictured: Dawn Williams, Chris Armstrong

Annual NRA Day a Success!!

Carmi Rifle Club members recently hosted their annual NRA Day at the local range. This year the event was open to anyone 9 years old and up, making it possible for adults as well as youth to learn about firearm safety and the shooting sports and also provided an opportunity for parents and grandparents to participate with family members. The day began with an orientation session which included firearm safety training, range safety training, and instruction on the basic fundamentals of marksmanship. The morning sessions was divided between trapshooting with 20, 12, and .410-gauge shotguns and indoor target shooting with .22 caliber handguns.

The club provided a cookout lunch and then firing line supervisors took up positions at the 25 yd pistol range and 100 yd rifle range where shooters were free to try their hand with a wide assortment of firearms including 9 mm, .22 semi-automatic handguns, .38 caliber revolvers and .45 ACP. Participants interested in firing long guns had an opportunity to fire several rifles including a .223 Ruger mini-14, AR15, M1 carbine, AK47 style rifle, 10-22 semi-auto, .22 lever action with and without scopes.

With the help of an NRA Foundation grant, Carmi Rifle Club supplied all the ammunition and club members supplied all the firearms for the day. The club offers a special thank you to the volunteers who supervised the firing line: Mike and Valinda Rowe, Sheryl Woodham, Kevin Nelson, Greg Webb, Jay Armstrong, William Hunt, Steve Griffin, Dawn Williams, Jim Mitchell, Chris Sherrard, Roy Hardesty, David Johnson, Christine Armstrong, and Joe Albright. An extra big thank you to Dawn Williams and Christine Armstrong for preparing lunch.

In Honor of Jim Mitchell



It is with great sadness we report the passing of one of our most ardent supporters of Carmi Rifle Club. Jim Mitchell passed away very unexpectedly. Jim was a long-time member of the club often telling of fun times with son shooting at the range in years past. He was an enthusiastic volunteer for our Spring shooting events. He was already excited about next year as he would be able to be here for the whole day.... Also, he was going to bring his 45/70 revolver next year!

He was a good guy, we loved him.... He will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Upcoming classes

Concealed Carry 3-Hr. Renewal Course

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

FEE: \$50

8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. is the classroom portion of the course and will be held at White County Farm Bureau Building, 304 E Robinson St. Carmi, IL. Live-fire qualification will be conducted at the Carmi Rifle Club range and scheduled throughout the rest of the morning and afternoon. Course conducted by ISP registered instructors Mike and Valinda Rowe. This course fulfills the renewal training requirements for the Illinois Concealed Carry License. Firearms and ammunition will be supplied.

Pre-Registration and non-refundable deposit of class fee is required. Please email VRowe@mvrowe.com or call 618-963-2788 for registration form and to verify available space. Deadline for registration is Oct. 20, 2018.

16 hr. IL Concealed Carry Course

Day 1 on Sat. Oct. 20, 2018 - \$115

Day 2 on Sat. Oct. 27, 2018 - \$115

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

The two-day course fulfills the 16 hr. required hours of training for the IL concealed carry license. If you have 8 hrs. prior credit, you only need to sign up for Day 2. Examples of prior credit – NRA Basic Pistol certificate, DD214, Hunter Safety (4hrs) plus Utah or FL concealed carry license (4hrs) if training was done in separate classes and not together.

Space is limited to 12 students for Day 1 – no limit for Day 2. If you would like to reserve seats in either class or both classes, please respond ASAP.

Pre-Registration and non-refundable deposit of class fee is required. Please email VRowe@mvrowe.com or call 618-963-2788 for registration form and to verify available space.

Deadline for registration is Oct. 15, 2018.

Under current law, training certificates do not have an expiration date. This is subject to change if Gov. Rauner isn't re-elected.

A Message from CRC President

It has been another great year for Carmi Rifle Club. We continue to expand our service to our members and community. This year, we added another aspect to our community benefits by hosting the White County Scholastic 3D Archery for youth. We continue to host the 4-H shooting program. This is yet another way to introduce our youth to the shooting sports.

The Carmi Rifle Club is the official gun range for city and county police training and qualification. We also hosted the Farm Bureau annual Steel Challenge which saw a marked increase in participation this year. We offered our annual shooting camps to women and families this past spring and we continue to host classes for concealed carry qualification as well as continued firearm training.

This year, our 10-member Board of Directors undertook the revamping of the club's by-laws that were completely outdated. This has been a very arduous task but, we are very happy that we have it finished and implemented.

The club remodeled the classroom at the indoor range from floor to ceiling. The floor was sealed and the entire room painted, new shelving and racks for the chairs were installed. Thanks to Chris Armstrong and Sheryl Woodham for all the hard work they put into this project! The classroom actually looks like a classroom!

Outdoor improvements include a privacy structure around the porta-potty to make it a little nicer for our growing lady participation at the range. The ugly orange storage container was painted and the roof sealed. The leaning fence by the front gate was fixed and we installed a LED dusk to dawn light at the outdoor range.

So, in summary, thanks to a very involved, cohesive, and hardworking board of directors along with willing and helpful club members, CRC is improving its facilities and helping to further training and especially reaching out to the next generation of shooters in our area.

Mike Rowe
President, Carmi Rifle Club

Hope to Become Civilian Marksmanship Affiliated Gun Range

While we don't know the outcome yet, we are a little excited about applying to be a Civilian Marksmanship affiliated gun range. We applied about a week ago and should hear back soon. If we are accepted, it would make our members eligible to apply for purchase of surplus military guns such as the recent release of 1911's, M1 Carbines, and M1 Garands.

Annual Camp-Out and Members Meeting

Our annual camp out is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 20th. The range will be open to members and the public the entire weekend. The camping is primitive style. A wiener roast is planned for Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. An informal meeting of members is planned for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Currently all board positions are filled but suggestions for future board members will be taken at this time.

Subscribe to the Carmi Rifle Club E-Newsletter!

You can help the club save on printing and postage costs by receiving the email copy of the newsletter, just email the club's Publicity Chairman Valinda Rowe at VRowe@mvrowe.com and request the CRC email newsletter! THANKS!

Carmi Rifle Club 2019 Membership Dues

The dues for the 2019 will be \$40. Be sure to renew your membership so you don't get locked out when the lock changes on January 1! Please mail your dues, along with your name, address, phone number (please includes both cell and land line, if you have both), and your email address to:

Please send this form along with your \$40 annual dues for 2019

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Age I am an NRA member: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Enclosed is my \$40 check for Carmi Rifle Club 2019 Annual Club Dues

Mail check to: Carmi Rifle Club, PO Box 65, Carmi, IL 62821

Just a reminder we have a no alcohol rule at the range.