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6th Annual Guardian Conference Comes to the Oklahoma City Gun Club

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The Oklahoma City Gun Club was proud to host the 6th Annual Guardian Conference September 18–20, 2026, at the Club's Cowboy Action range. Sponsored by Concealedcarry.com, the three-day event brought together 84 registered attendees, with 80 checking in, representing at least 28 states. The 2026 conference was the most local participation in the event's history, with 25% of the participants coming from Oklahoma, while still attracting shooters from across the country—including attendees from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska. In addition, there were local law enforcement officers from several different agencies in attendance.

The conference continued to build on a strong returning-attendee base. Of the 84 registered attendees, 33 were first timers, while 51 attended previous conferences. Forty-four of the 84 attendees from the 2025 conference returned this year. Six individuals have attended all six conferences.



Training was at the heart of the weekend. Fourteen nationally recognized instructors, each respected in their respective

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Strangers Teaching Strangers: Inside the Nation's Largest Women's Shooting Clinic

Twenty-seven years running, and it still starts with someone handing you a gun for the very first time

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Hundreds of women gathered for the 27th annual Women's Fun Shoot at the Oklahoma City Gun Club.

Every September for the last twenty-seven years, the Oklahoma City Gun Club in Arcadia has turned its 600 acres over to more than 400 women, most of whom arrive with people they already know — a mother, a church group, a carpool of friends — and spend the day being taught by people they've never met. Some drive in from three states away. Some are shooting a gun for the first time in their lives. By the end of the day, more than a few have changed their minds about something they were afraid of, at the hands of a volunteer instructor who was a stranger that morning.

This year's clinic held Saturday, September 12, was the largest annual women's instructional shooting event in the country, run through the NRA's Women On Target program. I've been going since its second

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year, first as a guest invited by a friend, then as a volunteer guide ever since. What strikes me every year isn't the marksmanship. It's who shows up, and why.

A club built to do this at scale

The Oklahoma City Gun Club has been around since 1958. It has 2,700 members, 20 divisions, and the distinction of being a 100 percent NRA club — meaning every member is also an NRA member. None of that infrastructure existed for women specifically until 1999, when a club member named Suzi Rouse brought a proposal, and a batch of cookies, to the board: start a Women's Division. The board said yes. Fifty-seven women showed up the first year.



Instruction on safe pistol handling, one of the day's four stations.

Guardian Conference, continued

field, conducted 61 class sessions covering 31 different courses, using 15 ranges and classrooms. Students filled 591 class seats and received approximately 1,940 hours of training; students averaged 24 hours of training each. Fifty-one of the sessions involved live fire, with an estimated 78,000 rounds fired during the weekend.

The Oklahoma heat added another challenge, with temperatures reaching 99°F on Friday and Saturday. Approximately 2,100 bottles of water were consumed to keep everyone hydrated.

The 7th Annual Guardian Conference is already scheduled to return to the Oklahoma City Gun Club September 17–19, 2027. For more information and to register go here>

The NRA's Women On Target program launched that same year, built around the same idea Rouse had — hands-on, event-based instruction aimed at women who'd never had a reason or a way in. By 2013, the OKC clinic had grown to 600 participants, technically larger than most state-level shooting competitions. Rouse, who is now the club's president, caps it at 400 these days to keep the ranges moving. Participants rotate in color-coded squads through four stations — pistol, shotgun, silhouette, and AR15 — each staffed with instructors, loaner firearms, and unlimited ammunition, much of it donated by sponsors like Glock and B&P Ammunition. This year, American Rifleman TV filmed the clinic for a feature story.

None of that explains why a woman drives up from Houston the night before, or why a mental health caseworker who's never touched a gun decides this is the year she starts.

The regulars

One family in my group this year included a grandmother who has been coming to the clinic for sixteen years, and her daughter and three granddaughters, who've been coming for six. The younger three drive up from Houston the night before every year to make it.



Three generations at the silhouette range: Tracy and daughters Julia, Emily, and Sofia, who drive up from Houston annually, with grandmother Marlene, who lives in Oklahoma.

The rest of my group came together through Impact Church — they already knew each other going in — and between them they covered nearly every reason a woman ends up on that firing line.

The Oklahoma City Gun Club PRIMER newsletter is available online at www.okcgunclub.org. A print copy is mailed to those members who would like a paper version. OKC Gun Club board meetings are open to all members. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the main clubhouse.

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Morgan Smith falls somewhere between a regular and a recruiter. Originally from Georgia, she's lived in Oklahoma for ten years and this was her second year at the clinic. Last year was her first time really shooting — multiple guns, real instruction — and she came away from it convinced that "learning the safety, just knowing how to use a gun is important." So this year she brought four more women with her, down from an original six (two had to drop out). One of them was her mother-in-law,



Angela Smith (left) with daughter-in-law Morgan Smith, before Angela's first time ever holding a firearm.

Angela Smith, who drove up from Aubrey, Texas, and had never touched a firearm before. Angela had heard about the clinic through Morgan's church and described herself, going in, with one word: curious.

Jasmine Brown, also with the Impact Church group, came from Dallas for a more immediate reason — her best friend's birthday was the next day, and the friend had been coming to the clinic through the church for a year already. Brown had never shot a gun and had never been that close to gunfire. Afterward, her assessment was blunt and a little surprised: "Everybody is really safe, really friendly... I feel safe."



Jasmine Brown at the AR15 range, on her first day ever shooting a gun.

The rest of the church group

The wider Impact Church contingent's reasons for showing up ranged from "I got signed up whether I wanted to or not" to something considerably heavier. One woman, who works in mental health services and goes into clients' homes for a living, described the moment that pushed her past "I can pepper spray you, I'll tase you" and into actually wanting a firearm: a client called her right before a home visit to warn her that the man who had murdered the client's son had just called, saying he was hunting the family down. She was five minutes from the house. She'd grown up with a Marine for a father but had never personally engaged with guns — self-defense, until that call, had been someone else's problem.



Five members of the Impact Church group, together for the day's instruction.

Another woman in the group had her daughter to thank for the invitation — and a husband who'd already bought her two guns before she ever felt ready to use them. Her first shot of the day, by her own account, was rough. She had to "get her nerves together." By the end of the session she wasn't scared anymore.

What the day is actually for

Listening back across these conversations, the throughline isn't really about guns. It's about who gets treated as capable, and by whom. Multiple women in the Impact Church group talked about being pushed into signing up by other women in their congregation — not talked out of their hesitation, just handed a deadline. One woman, comparing notes with a friend who'd shot competitively, made the case for formal instruction over YouTube or borrowed advice: take an actual class, learn to hold the gun properly so your hand doesn't cramp, learn it from someone whose job is to teach it, not from a boyfriend or a movie.



Rita Aragon, retired two-star general and former Oklahoma Secretary of Veterans Affairs, speaking at lunch.

That's the mechanism the clinic runs on, multiplied by 400: instructors — sheriff's deputies from Oklahoma and Cleveland counties, Midwest City police, a national shotgun coach who flies in every year, the club's own Ladies Pistol League in purple shirts, volunteer guides like me — spend a Saturday teaching women they've never met, in groups that mostly already know each other, so those women can go home and, in a lot of cases, teach or bring someone else next year. Grandmothers bring granddaughters. Daughters-in-law bring mothers-in-law. Church groups bring church groups. A caseworker who started the day defensive about her own safety leaves having hit four out of five targets on her first try — taught by a stranger, cheered on by the friends who talked her into coming.

October 3-10, 2026
Oklahoma City Gun Club



The Oklahoma Territorial Marshals created Land Run in April of 1994. From 2015 to 2017 they hosted a second match each year, Red Dirt Rampage, the SASS Southwest Regional. In 2018, the two events were combined under the name Land Run.

Land Run has continued to grow over the years, with each evolution getting bigger and better. In 2022, Land Run evolved into the SASS National Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting and Wild Bunch Action Shooting.

Come out to see the national competition in action October 3 through October 10 at the Oklahoma City Gun Club. Besides the competition, there are vendors selling hats, clothing, leather items and more.

Visitors and spectators are welcome. Just remember ear and eye protection.

2026 SASS National Championships of Cowboy Action & Wild Bunch Action Shooting

Saturday, October 3
12:30 - 4:30 Wild Bunch Four Stage Warm-up
5:00 - 6:00 Wild Bunch Posse Marshal Walk-Through

Sunday, October 4
12:30 - 5:30 Wild Bunch Five Main Match

Monday, October 5
8:00 - 1:00 Wild Bunch Five Main Match
1:30 - 3:30 Wild Bunch Side Matches
4:00 - 5:00 Wild Bunch Top Gun

Tuesday, October 6
8:00 -10:15 LOCAS Mini-Match
12:00 - 4:00 Plainsman Match

Wednesday, October 7
8:00 - 10:15 Doily Gang Clinic
9:00 - 2:00 Long-Range Side Matches
10:00 - 2:00 Cowboy Clays (5 Stand)
10:00-12:00 Speed Side Matches
5:00 - 6:00 Opening Ceremony & Side Match Awards

Thursday, October 8
8:20 -11:00 Early Wave Four Main Match Stages
11:20 - 2:00 Mid Wave Four Main Match Stages
2:20 - 5:00 Late Wave Four Main Match Stages

Friday, October 9
8:00 -10:40 Early Wave Four Main Match Stages
10:40 - 1:20 Mid Wave Four Main Match Stages
1:20 - 4:00 Late Wave Four Main Match Stages

Saturday, October 10
8:00 -10:40 Early Wave Four Main Match Stages
10:40 - 1:20 Mid Wave Four Main Match Stages
1:20 - 4:00 Late Wave Four Main Match Stages

Find the full schedule of events here>

New at OKCGC! NRA ARC American Rifle Challenge

Oklahoma City Gun Club is now offering a new match format, the NRA ARC (American Rifle Challenge). Focused on safe, practical use of the AR-15 for recreation, self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting, ARC offers opportunities for shooters of all experience levels, including rimfire AR and PCC competitors.

To compete you will need an NRA competitor number by setting up an account here>: https://competitor.nra.org/. Events will take place at the OKCGC Muzzleloader Range on the 4th Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact the NRA ARC Division at nraarc@okcgunclub.org.

OKC Gun Club Membership Renewal Time

The OKC Gun Club membership renewal notices will be emailed mid-November to members with email addresses on file. Paper invoices will be mailed on December 1.

The gate code for 2027 will change on February 1st.

New member orientations will be conducted in December and February for membership in 2027. Invitations to attend an orientation will be sent to those who have an application on file.

Questions? Contact Carey Pribil, OKCGC Membership Chairman at 405-613-8755.

Training Division

Upcoming OKC Gun Club Training events – October 2026. As a part of our community outreach initiative, we are offering basic instruction shooting courses. These programs are open to both members and non-members. The Training Division's NRA Certified Instructors provide this training. If you or someone you know who would benefit from courses like these, please share the information. For more information or to register online go to the OKC Gun Club Training Division webpage here>.

Questions? Contact the Training Division Team at training@okcgunclub.org.
Jamie Meyer (405) 613-6541 / Kemit Grafton (405) 317-9517 / Jim Durham (520) 249-5955

Ladies Pistol League

Sunday, Oct 4, 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Pistol Range

The Ladies Pistol League meets on the 1st Sunday of every month. This class is open to all experience levels, and you do not need to be a member to participate. To RSVP to this class or to any of our other open-enrollment classes, RSVP Here> or you can contact Jamie Meyer at lpl@okcgunclub.org or call/text 405-613-6541. Due to limited space, RSVP is required.

NRA Rifle Instructor Course

Tuesday, Oct 13 –Wednesday, Oct 14
Training Building

We are offering the NRA Basic Rifle course on Tuesday, Oct 13 and the NRA Basic Rifle Instructor course on Wednesday, Oct 14. The instructor candidate will need to register for both. If you would just like the Basic Rifle, you can enroll only in it.
For more information contact Mark Heins 405-651-5215 teamheins429@gmail.com

NRA Basic Rifle

Register Here>

NRA Rifle Instructor

Register Here>

Retired LEOSA Firearms Qualifications

Wednesday, Oct 14, 9:00 am– 1:00 pm
Pistol Range

The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) provides for qualified retired law enforcement officers (LEO) to carry concealed firearms provided they meet the standards for firearms training every 12 months. This is for retired officers and does not meet the Armed Security Officer requirements. We will be running relays until everyone is finished, the first start is at 9:30 am. There is no fee for gun club members or for non-members. Please RSVP, contact Randy Chapa by text message at 405-596-0212.

Picking that First/New Handgun

Saturday, Oct 18, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Training Building

Thinking about buying a handgun but not sure where to start? This free course is designed to help you understand the basics before deciding. We'll cover firearm safety, reasons for owning a handgun, types of handguns, and what to consider when choosing one for personal protection or shooting sports. Whether you are brand new or just want a clearer picture, this class will give you the knowledge to make an informed, confident choice. The class is open to both club members and non-club members."
Register Here>

– Upcoming Events for November 2026 –

Cover your Basics – Handgun

Saturday, November 7, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Main Clubhouse

This three-hour course is for the beginning shooter as well as anyone who would like to learn the fundamentals of shooting a handgun safely. The course includes live fire training where students will learn shooting fundamentals and range safety rules with personal coaching from experienced instructors/coaches.
Register Here>

NRA Instructor Academy

Tuesday, Nov 3 – Friday, Nov 6
Main Clubhouse

We are offering several NRA Instructor courses at this Academy; pick the ones you want to attend or attend all of them. These courses include NRA Basic Pistol (November 3), NRA Pistol Instructor (November 4), NRA Basic Shotgun (November 5), and NRA Shotgun Instructor (November 6). The training division website has all the course offerings so you can pre-register for them. For more information contact Mark Heins 405-651-5215 teamheins429@gmail.com. Register Here>

NRA MEMBERSHIP

Renew or join the NRA through the Oklahoma City Gun Club website. The club will get credit for the transaction. NRA programs fund many of our activities, so this is a great way to support our club and the NRA. To take advantage of this outstanding offer, click on the NRA Seal, or go to the bottom of the "About Us" page on our website here>

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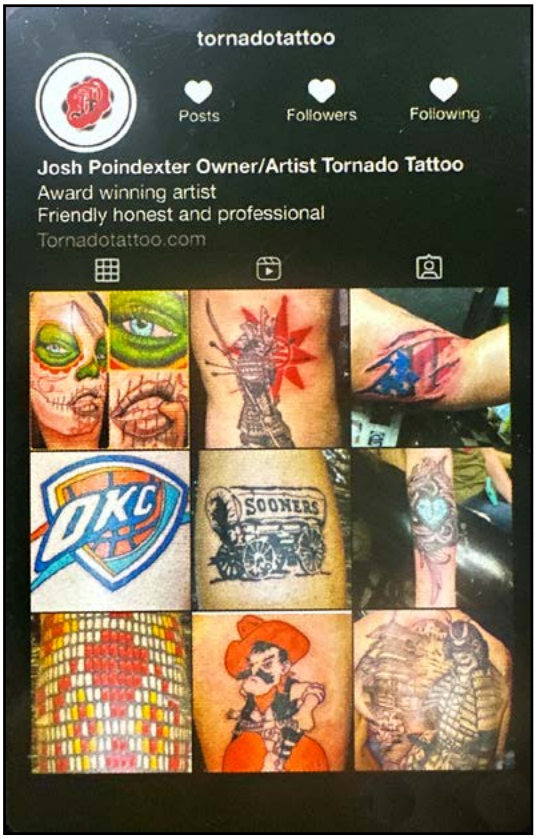












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OKC Gun Club Member Classified Ads

Winchester model 70 Super Grade .270 cal. 24 inch barrel. Lightly used. Leupold bases and rings $1200 • Winchester model 70 Classic sporter. NIB. .270 cal. 24 inch barrel. never fired $900. Contact: fclawrence@gmail.com

Rizzini BR110 20 gauge O/U 28 inch BBLs, original box, 5 choke tubes, 14 inch LOP, 6 1/2 pounds, Great Bird gun, $1850 • Box of 100 Hornady XTP .451 200 gr $25 • 2 boxes 100 count .44 Cal Hornady XTP Hornady XTP's $25 each • 1 box 20 count Barnes 185 Gr .338 MR-X Maximum Range X-Bullet $25 • 12 oz canister of Alliant RL 17 $30, box of 1000 Federal Lg Pistol Mag Primers $50. Contact Rick at Hucklbry2@gmail.com.

Kimber 2k11 target with Sro $2500, less than 500 rounds shot. Contact Matt Chambers 405-464-8488.

Vortex Optics Crossfire HD 12-36x50 Angled Spotting Scope $150 Like new • Primary Arms ACSS - Cyclops Optic $100 • Hornady V-Max & Nosler Varmint Bullets 22cal (.224"), Nosler Ballistic Tip - Qty 350 (40 grain), Nosler Armageddon Qty 100 (55 grain), Hornady V-Max - Qty 250 (55 grain) $150 for the lot. Text/call Patrick at (405) 229-2499.

Browning A5 Hunter 12 Gauge, 28" barrel, matte w/ walnut stock. Bought new a couple of years ago, still in like new condition. Box, chokes, manual, etc, all included. $1,500 OBO. Text Josh at 864-986-9081.

Ruger 10/22, Black polymer stock, 18.5" SS barrel, NEW in the box, includes one 10 round magazine, chamber flag, owner's manual, registration card, safety lock, and weaver rail and screws. $300 firm. Contact Jeff Orr by text 318-294-2808 or email orrnj@hotmail.com.

26.5mm flare gun. Seems Polish Model 78 (H&K P2A1 clone)—1985. Very solid, well-built—excellent condition. Canvas and leather case, and 19 rounds (old) — 10 are white parachute, I think; 9 blue smoke $200. Contact Michael at 703-501-4787.

Morini Air Pistol, CM 162 MI, 2 air cylinders. Shot a few times $1700. Contact Johnny Blue at 405-314-6333.

18 inch Proof 6mm ARC barrel with gas tube/block and JP Enterprises EnhanceBolt $450. Reloading dies/brass/powder for the 6MM ARC $100. Text/call Ray at 405-541-5176.

7 REM mag ammo less than 1.5 years old. * 40 cal various ages, most labeled with year. 7mm REM Mag, 5 boxes of 20 each * Federal 145gn Barnes LR* 4 boxes of 20 * Federal 155gn Term Ascent-1 box of 20 * Nosler 140 gn AB, 160 gn AB 168 gn ABLR* 1 box of 20 * Swift Scirroco II 150 gn, 3 boxes of 20 each * Barnes 150 gn TTSX. Will sell all 16 boxes together for $480 ($30 per box) * 40 cal S&W, 30 boxes of 50. Federal 180 gn HST. Will sell all 30 boxes for $300 ($10 per box). Prefer to sell each caliber altogether. Contact Karsten Stadler at 405-834-7950.

Sig Saur AR10 716I 308 caliber with a trigger tech AR10 trigger installed. Also included a Sig Tango- MSR 1-6 x 24 scope with cantilever mount, 2 magazines and 6 boxes of factory ammo $1400. Call or text Mitch Manning @ 405-990-3997.

Gun Collection- All offers considered: Center-fire semi-autos and revolvers: Beretta 92FS Inox ghost, Walther PPKS, S&W 22 Long Rifle Pistols and Revolvers: S&W and Walther PP and TPH. Shot Guns: Remington 870 12 ga, Fausti 20 ga over/under. Many collectibles most with original box/papers. Majority 98-99%, many new, unfired; some RARE and unique. email pcolatrino@gmail.com or text/call 405-203-4103.

640 Acre +/- Full Section Archery Hunting Lease | Looking for 3-4 responsible hunters to share the hunting with. $3,250 per hunter. Location: About 30 mins. north of Guthrie | 30 mins. west of Stillwater. Property features: Mix of heavy timber, rolling hills, creeks, and ponds. Contact Weston at Liketohunt@att.net.

18inch Proof 6mm ARC barrel with gas tube/block and JP enterprises enhance bolt $450 • Reloading dies/brass/powder if interested.Text/call Ray at 405-541-5176.

Compact Ruger 10/22, with Volquartsen extractor and firing, and original parts, plus flash suppresser, 10 round magazine $325 firm. Trades considered for .22 revolvers • Crickett .22 magnum, with full size adult wooden stock and the original "mossy oak" youth stock and case, with 4x scope, $225. $200 without scope. Contact David at davidafarris09@yahoo.com.

NEW in the box, Rebel Master Reloading Kit RCBS # 9251 | Item # 044-9251 $425. Contact Carey at (405) 613-8755.

1874 Shilo Sharps Long Range Express, 45/70, 34 inch Octagon Barrel, Baldwin Long Range Vernier Sight. $2,800 Email David@Trophylewis.com.

AR Parts: pistol brace and buffer tube(no spring) $75 • Faxon .223 pistol barrel, 10.5 inches long $125.00 (less than 100 rds fired) • 22LR Parts: (6) 10rd factory mark 4 magazines $ 50, (2) factory rubber mark 4 grips $25. (2) Butler Creek hi cap mags fo a ruger 10-22. $25. All prices are firm. Contact by text only to John (405) 820-9845.

Hornady Precision Hunter 6.5 PRC 143 gr ELD-X ammo, just over 3 ½ boxes $100. Email Mickey at micndee@hotmail.com.

300 Weatherby Mag. ammo, some are Weatherby brand, some Hornady and a few Federal. $20 per box. Call Clint at (405) 476-7369.

Some of the upcoming matches at the OKC Gun Club for October and November

Red Dirt Shootout
Oct. 17-18 • Action Shooting Range
Jamie Meyer, match director
email: reddirtgssf@gmail.com
For details go here>

USPSA Section Championship
Oct. 30-Nov. 1 • Action Shooting Range
Mitch Gibson, match director
Email: okcgc_action@okcgunclub.org
For details go here>

NRA ARC (America's Rifle Challange) Match
Oct. 25 • Muzzleloader Range
Randy Linze, match director
Email: rdlinze@cox.net
For details go here>

Oklahoma State & International Fullbore Championship
November 6, 7, and 8 • High Power Range
Richard Ford, match director
Email: rich.ford1600@gmail.com
For details go here>