

Adventurers! Time to **sight-in!** WooHoo... Sight in **what?** MG's new rifle...



...and also my new rifle (pics/specs later in the story). MG's rifle is a **Henry lever-action**, .22 caliber. Previously, we had fired it, decided the "open" sights not up to the potential of the rifle, so I installed a 4-power ("4x") scope. This scope has the ability to "fine-focus" to the shooters particular eye...

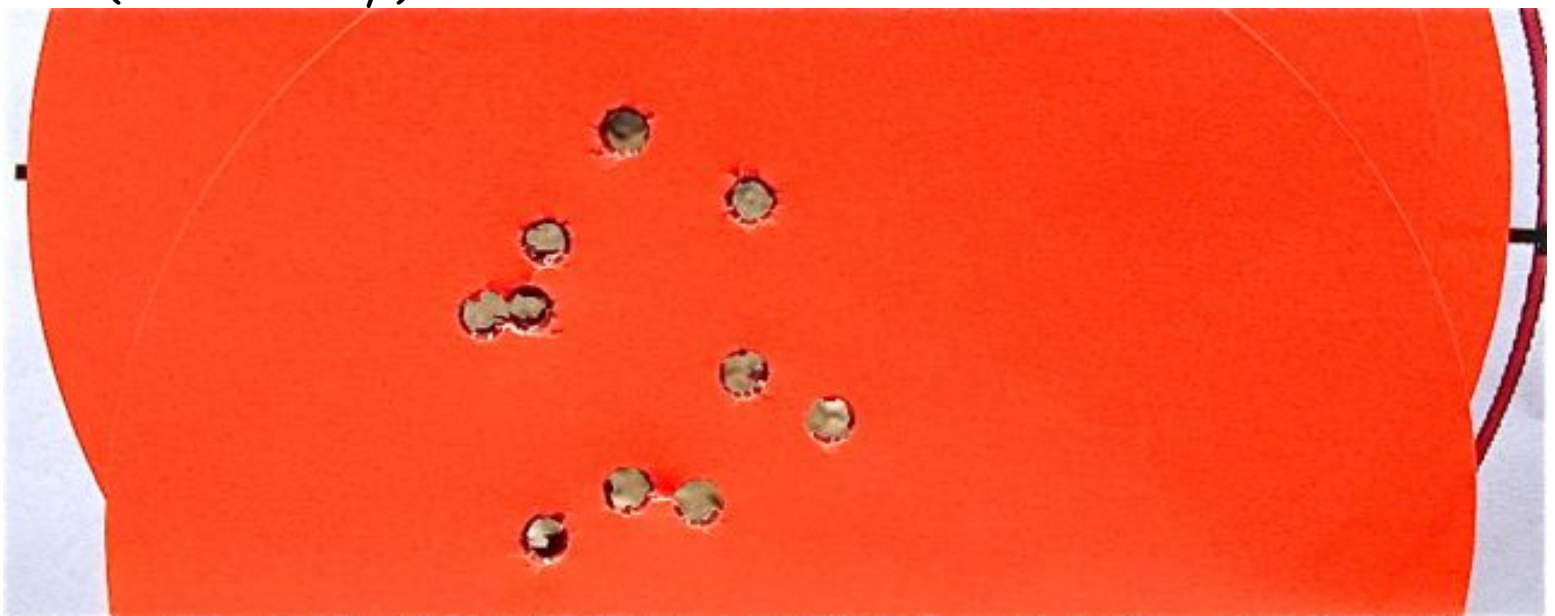


Wow! Crystal-clear view of the target :-)

Off to the range I went (literally down-the-street)...



...and (above: finally!) the wind was calm. How'd I do?



Above is my final USA-ammo 10-shot string, 50-yards, 6"-wide orange target. It looks like the "group" is 1.5" wide and 2.5" high. **Excellent!** The ammo used was "hyper-speed" .22 made-in-America. I liked it although "hyper-speed" 1,500 ft/sec ammo cost a whopping 12-cents/bullet ("standard velocity" is 6-cents, "high-velocity" is 8-cents).

Comparison: I had 9-bullets of Russian "Wolf" brand "Match/Competition" ammo. In all previous trials, this has (at 50-yards) been superior.

Below, the Wolf/Match results...



Again, superior. The group appears to be 1.25" high and 1.25" wide.

Fact: "Match" ammo not fun to shoot. Almost no "bang", near-zero-recoil. But true, if "results" are all that matters, this ammo at 14-cents/bullet rocks!

And now... **FIREPOWER!** Below, my new Kel-Tec auto-loading rifle...



Pretty mean-looking eh? The caliber is .223 which is the exact bullet used by our military forces today.

Below... 10 bullets are held in the clip...



...and 10 is all that is allowed in CA. All other states allow a 30-bullet clip.

I had 21 made-in-USA bullets (above), and the rifle had been "sighted-in" by the gunshop owner. Easy, right?

Terrible. I could not even get "on the page". Bullets "Going-where?"

I went home and got 60 Wolf (brand; made-in-Russia) bullets...



Note (above) these are steel-case (not brass) bullets. Bad reputation, but relatively cheap @ 29-cents/bullet (USA cost = 48-cents/bullet).



After firing almost-all I had, making little/no progress, I politely enlisted the aid of the shooter-family next door on the range...



Wow! This was my salvation...



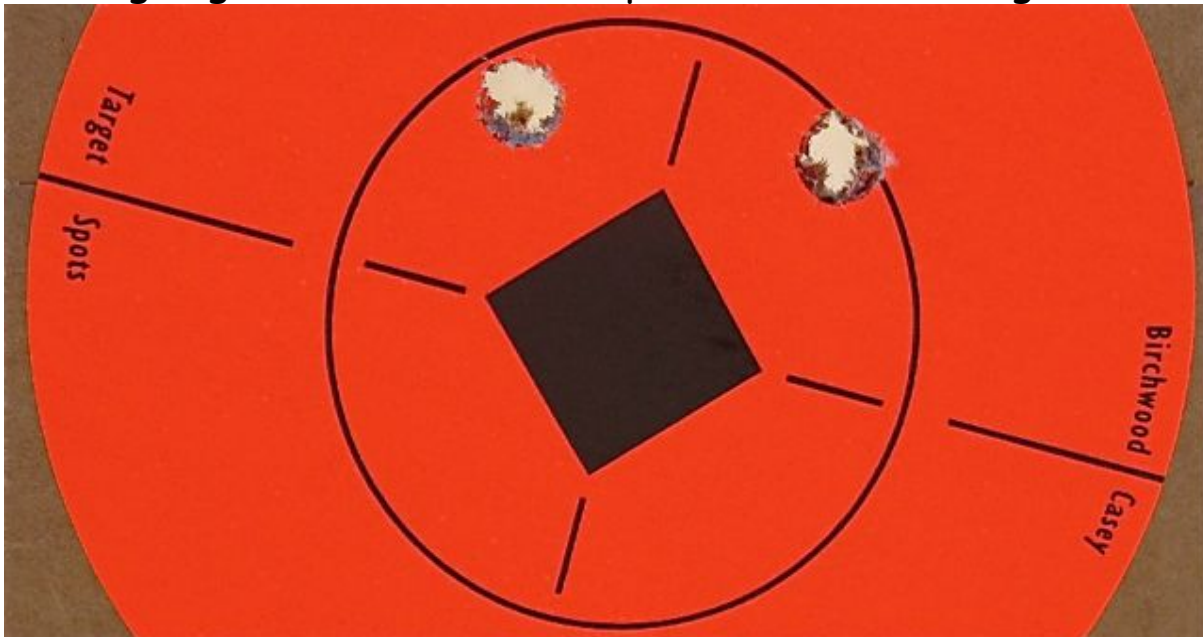
Dad set me up with a 25-yard target. With my last 6-bullets, my shoot-buddy worked the sight adjuster-knobs, and "dialed-me-in". Above, note the kids are shooting bull's-eyes on the 100-yard targets!

Now I am out-of-ammo. "No problemo" says dad, and gives me 2 bullets, to "shoot for score"... WooHoo...

Now, before I show the results, here's my view through the Red Dot sight...



...when I was still foolishly trying to "sight-in" at 50-yards. The red "reticle" is electronic, superimposed on the target. At this time, I have no-idea there the actual bullet is going. I see dirt kicked up in back of the target, but no holes!



**Pow!** With my borrowed-bullets, I'm sighted-in. The black-diamond is 1".

Story Bonus! Desert flowers... Rose in my garden...



Purple something-or-others...



Below, "yellow little-guys" which are everywhere...



...and my favorite (below), "pretty flowers at the side of the road". The only place I've seen them grow, the hostile "roadside" environment...



Thanks for reading along!

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