

backs, legs, and knees.

There was no Indian summer that year and it rained the night before and



The first event was held in October 1998 with heavy rains and mud.

into the morning. The site for that first event was a mile off the county road, and with the rain it required four-wheel drive to get through the mud. My brother Doug and my cousin Alan transported people and their gear.

The rain came and went as the day progressed. Shooters frequently stopped to cover themselves with a tarp to keep some of the rain off. The rain was so heavy they couldn't see the targets. Daughters Kimberly and Xenia, 12 years old and 10 years old, tried to make hot

dogs and hamburgers for everyone in the pouring rain. A lot of things went wrong, but the targets went BOOM! Physically, people were cold, wet, and tired, but emotionally they were flying high. This was something special, and they all wanted to do it again.

I learned a lot from that first event. The two most important lessons were that I couldn't do it alone and that there is always something to learn.

For several years I had been searching for long-range rifle instruction, and Greg Hamilton of Insights Training introduced me to Eugene Econ. Insights didn't have anything like what I wanted, but Econ, who was a civilian sniper instructor for servicemen based at Fort Lewis, had the knowledge and skills needed to teach novice long-range shooters like myself how to connect with pop can-sized targets hundreds of yards away. In our first telephone conversation in January 1999, we ended up talking for hours about my plans for another event with reactive targets. We

both saw the potential for a great symbiotic relationship and he agreed to put together a precision rifle clinic for the coming April. He would put on the clinic Saturday and the main event would be Sunday. His clinic is now available both Friday and Saturday and still draws a crowd of people.

IN MARCH 1999, DOUG, MYSELF AND our other brother Gary went looking around the farm for a different location for the event. We needed good access to



We had about 25 shooters and good weather for most of the day for Boomershoot 1999.

the county road, a good backstop, and sufficient range to give the best shooters a challenge. We settled on a place our family, for several generations, called

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