

Jim Kibler 6-Day Kit Class – by Gary Ludwig

October 3, 2026 – October 8, 2026

Register to build any of Jim Kibler's kits and stay to compete in the Kiblerfest.

The class will be held at the NMLRA Education Center in Friendship, IN and run for a total of six days. The cost of the tuition is \$750.00. You will need to order your kit from Jim Kibler as soon as possible and let them know it is for the Kibler Kit Class with Gary Ludwig for the dates specified. The class will have a limited number of students, so register early by contacting Brenda Hooton at 812-432-2670, Ext. 1006 so you will not be disappointed.

- Minimum deposit of ½ of tuition (\$375.00) and membership in the NMLRA is due upon registration with balance due by September 3, 2026.
- Cancellation before September 3, 2026, will result in \$150.00 being kept along with your membership fee to the NMLRA with the balance returned to the individual.
- Cancellation on or after September 3, 2026, will result in keeping full payment with NO EXCEPTIONS since the class is based on a set number of students needed to pay the instructor.
- Final Enrollment Notification will be made to students by September 7, 2026, via e-mail. If no e-mail is on file, we will contact you via telephone number regarding enrollment.

Instructor/Gary Ludwig - Gary started building muzzleloaders in 2013 when he was invited to attend the Gunmakers Seminar at Canter's Cave. He attended the seminar for many years afterwards gaining valuable experience under the tutelage of Hershel and John House, Jim Kibler, Ken Gahagan and Ian Pratt. Later, Gary took many other classes offered by the Southern Ohio Artisan Workshops including knifemaking with Hershel and John House, Belt Axe Making with rich McDonald,

Engraving with Tom Curran, Southern Banded Powder Horns with Billy Griner, Fire Steel Making with Ian Pratt, and Flintknapping with Johnny Faulkner. Recently he attended classes at the Goshen Historical Society School of Blacksmithing including Forging Iron Gun Mounts with Frank House and Joe Seabolt. He has also attended other gun making classes including the gun building and metal engraving classes with Brad and Shane Emig at Cabin Creek and the NMLRA Gunsmithing Seminar with Frank House.

Gary teaches several Kibler Kit classes annually for Southern Ohio Artisan Workshops. He and Jeff Tebay are instructors for one of the classes in SOAW's annual Gunmakers' Workshop, and he joins fellow instructors Ian Pratt and John House in teaching the Hershel House Woodbury School Foundation's annual Foxfire rifle building class at the home of Hershel House in Woodbury, Kentucky.