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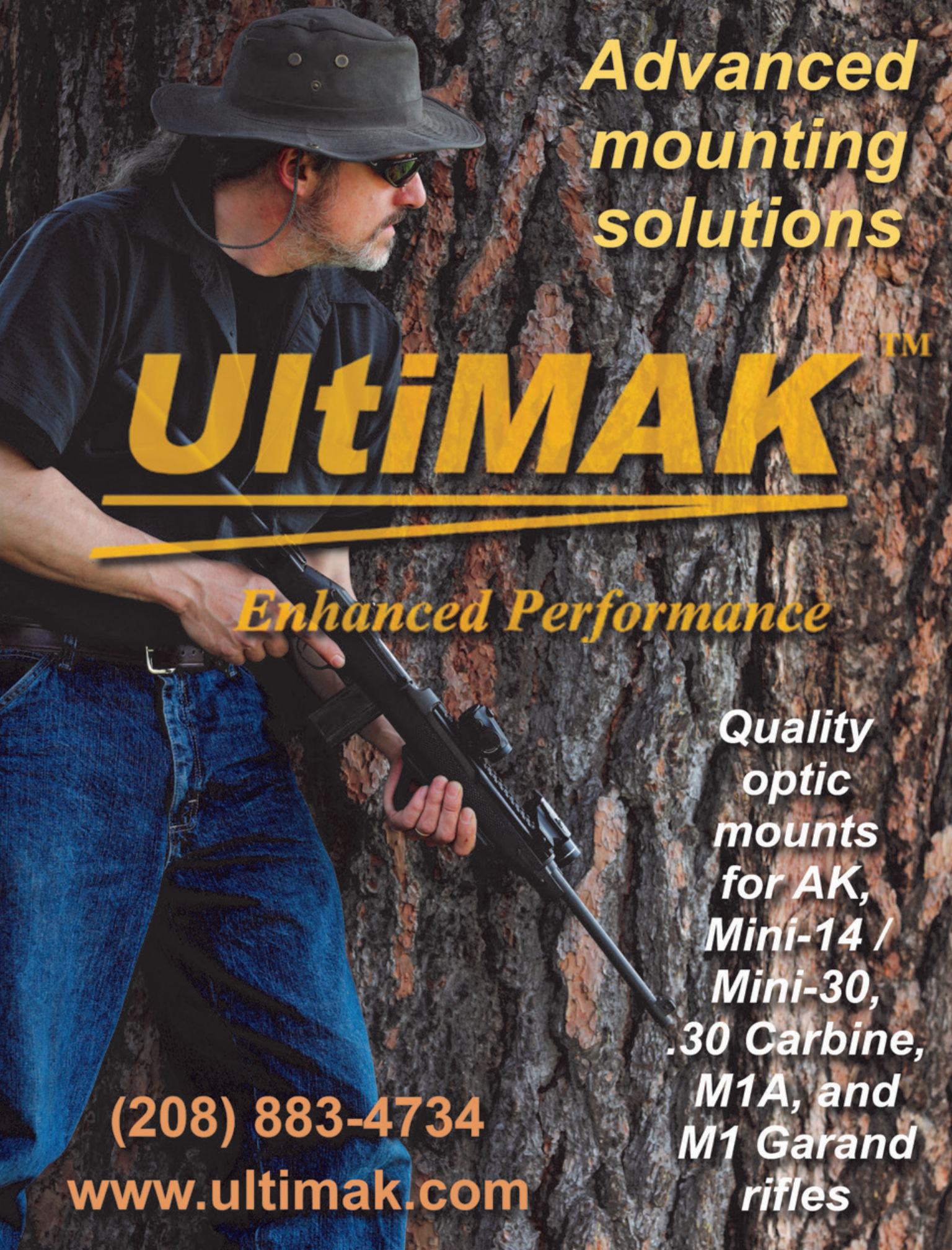
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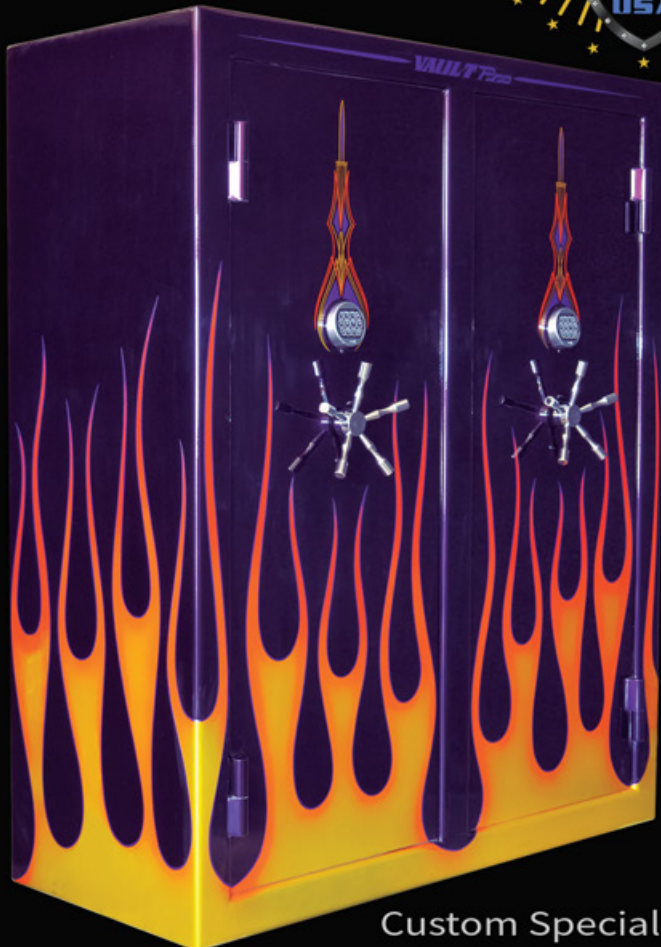
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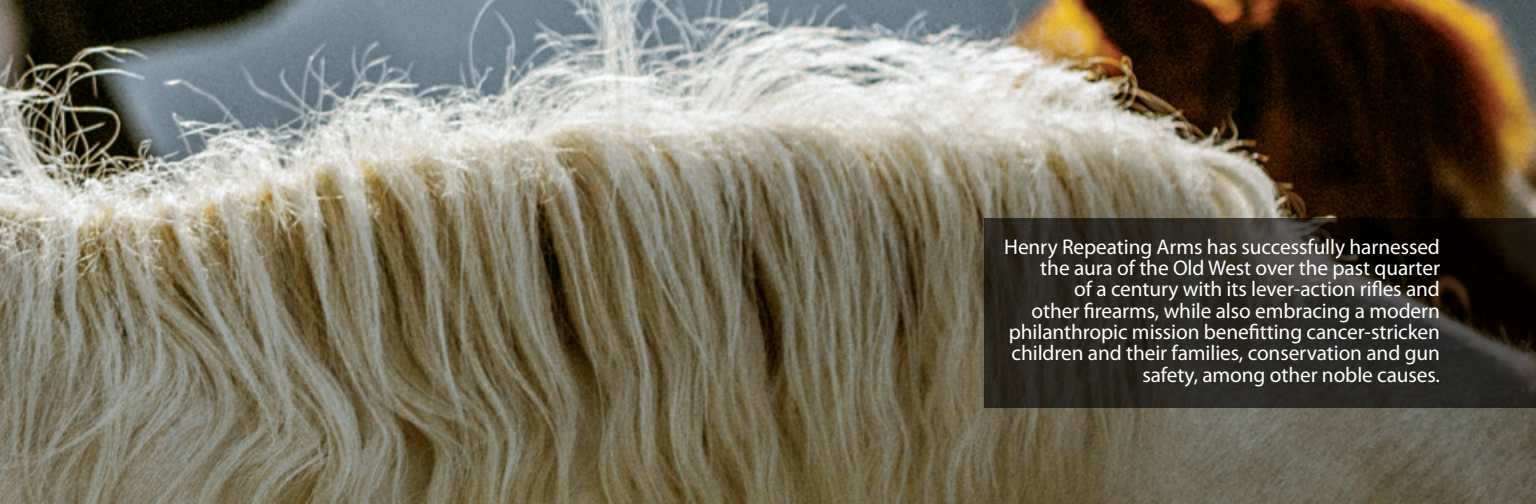
Long known for its lever-action rifles, firearms company also manufactures shotguns and revolvers, while making charitable giving a priority.

STORY BY JASON BROOKS

PHOTOS COURTESY OF HENRY REPEATING ARMS



Henry Repeating Arms is a company known for more than just quality lever-action rifles, shotguns and – new – revolvers. From its inception more than 25 years ago, Henry has had a strong commitment to giving back to the community. In the years since, it has established itself as a leader in the firearms industry via charitable contributions. From supporting children's cancer research to assisting veteran organizations and youth shooting programs, Henry is always looking for ways to make a positive impact.



Henry Repeating Arms has successfully harnessed the aura of the Old West over the past quarter of a century with its lever-action rifles and other firearms, while also embracing a modern philanthropic mission benefiting cancer-stricken children and their families, conservation and gun safety, among other noble causes.



Through the charitable arm Guns for Great Causes, Henry is making “significant” donations to organizations providing relief to families with children afflicted by cancer. Along with supporting venerable conservation groups such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, other company giving focuses on teaching gun safety, such as through the NRA’s Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program.



The company takes its name from Benjamin Tyler Henry, the inventor who patented the first successful repeating rifle in 1860. To be clear, there is no affiliation or lineage to Benjamin Tyler Henry or the New Haven Arms Company, which manufactured the original Henry rifle from 1862 to 1864. Anthony Imperato secured the trademark to the Henry name in 1996, which is when the current company was formed. Henry (henryusa.com) is a company that prides itself on craftsmanship and innovation, with a commitment to American-made products, as reflected in its motto – “Made in America, Or Not Made At All.”

In recent years, the company has made charity work a priority and has made significant donations to various organizations. In fact, Henry’s Guns

for Great Causes program – a charity branch of the company – benefits a variety of organizations, with a primary focus on pediatric cancer. Henry provides financial relief to families of sick children and makes donations to children’s cancer hospitals.

In addition, Guns for Great Causes benefits military veterans, law enforcement and first responder organizations, particularly those assisting the wounded, injured and the families of those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Wildlife conservation, preserving and promoting America’s shooting sports traditions, firearm safety education and Second Amendment advocacy are all additional beneficiaries of the Henry program. One hundred percent of all Guns for Great Causes firearms sales are donated. Since its inception,

the firearms company has donated nearly \$5 million through Guns for Great Causes.

“This past year was the 25th anniversary of the Henry Repeating Arms Company and we set out this silver anniversary with a goal to donate \$1 million in one year,” states Dan Clayton-Luce, Henry’s vice president of communications. “We accomplished this and more, making the ‘million dollar pledge’ a top priority.”

The future of the company is very bright and Clayton-Luce was excited to talk about the new line of revolvers Henry is coming out with. These wheel guns will complement the Henry lever-actions as a way to “tame the West,” with the Henry Big Boy Revolver and Big Boy Lever Action both being chambered in .357 so a shooter only has to carry one caliber of



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ammunition. It will also open up the options for companies and programs that use Henry firearms as their choice when it comes to fundraisers, retirement gifts or commemorative items. Henry can help any company or person come up with a logo-specific firearm; Clayton-Luce mentioned how he was just in Missoula at Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation headquarters to drop off yet another check for the organization's fundraising programs to help elk and elk hunters.

HENRY REPEATING ARMS

was founded in Brooklyn, New York, by Louis Imperato and his son, Anthony Imperato. They aimed to fulfill a demand for high-quality, American-made firearms. Henry's first rifle, the Henry H001, was an instant success, and the company quickly grew in popularity.

Today, Henry has manufacturing facilities in Wisconsin and New Jersey and produces a wide range of firearms – around 200 different models of rifles, shotguns, lever-action pistols and more. The company produces a broad range of lever-action rifles in both rimfire and centerfire calibers in a variety of finishes, including blued steel, hardened brass, color case-hardened, and "All-Weather."

The company's flagship model is the Henry Golden Boy, a rimfire lever-action with the tagline "the gun that brings out the West in you." Henry has sold over 1 million of its model H001 Classic Lever Action .22 rifle, which has become a staple of the firearms industry.

Some of Henry's other popular models include rifles, shotguns and lever-action handguns, each with unique designs and features. Some of their most popular models include



The gun it all began with, the Henry Classic Lever Action .22, of which more than 1 million have been sold. It can be loaded with up to 15 .22 Long Rifle cartridges or 21 .22 Shorts, making it great for plinking.





Big Boy Brass .357 Mag/.38 Spl Side Gate Rifle.

the Big Boy, Mare's Leg and Golden Boy rifles, as well as the Lever Action Axe. The company also offers a variety of accessories, including scopes, slings and magazines. Resurrecting the original Henry rifle, today it is offered in .44-40 and .45 Colt in various finishes. The Henry Lever Action .410 bore is the only lever-action shotgun on the market.

The Henry Single Shot Shotgun is available in hardened brass or steel in 12-, 20- and .410 gauges. The Henry Single Shot Rifle is also available in hardened brass or steel in over 10 centerfire calibers.

Then there's the Henry US Survival AR-7, an updated version of the US Air Force AR-7, a takedown .22 ideal for all outdoorsmen. All of the rifle's components fit into the buttstock. The Henry Mini Bolt is the ideal beginner's rifle, a stainless steel single-shot .22 that is also the official youth rifle of the USA Shooting Team. Henry Repeating Arms is the official firearms licensee of the Boy Scouts of America, and several Henry Boy Scout editions are available.

In addition, the company has a line of tribute rifles honoring many deserving constituencies, including those serving in the military, first responders and American farmers. The Henry Corporate Editions program allows companies to place their logo on a Henry rifle for employee retirements, dealer rewards and

corporate milestones.

"The future is all about building on the foundation laid so far," Anthony Imperato said early last year in an interview commemorating his company's 25th anniversary. "We have a strong message, a strong desire to be the best gun maker in the country, and a strong group of people to keep the wheels moving. It is exciting to think about the direction that we are heading."

IN ITS MISSION statement emphasizing commitment to quality, innovation and responsibility, Henry also includes dedication to charity work. The company's website states, "We believe that our success gives us a unique opportunity to give back to our community, our veterans, and our country."

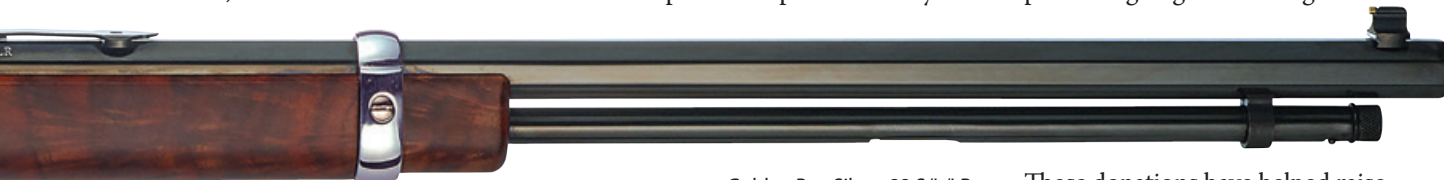
Henry has a long history of supporting charitable causes, with a focus on organizations that support veterans and their families. In recent years, the company has made significant donations to organizations such as the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, the National Rifle Association, and the USA Shooting team.

Guns for Great Causes raises money for various charities with a mission to make a positive impact on society



Henry's new wheel guns, like the Big Boy Revolver (pictured), are meant in part to complement rifles such as the Big Boy Lever Action. Both are chambered in .357, so you only have to carry one caliber of ammunition.

through firearms-related fundraising events. It hosts auctions and other fundraising events to support various charitable organizations and has partnered to support organizations such as the NRA Foundation and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Henry has donated unique firearms for auction, with proceeds going to these organizations.



Golden Boy Silver .22 S/L/R.

These donations have helped raise significant funds for these causes, making a positive impact in the community.

Henry has also donated to several veterans' organizations, including the aforementioned Special Operations Warrior Foundation, the Veterans of Foreign Wars



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Lever Action Axe .410 Bore.



Big Boy Mare's Leg .45 Colt Side Gate Pistol.



Since forming Henry Repeating Arms in 1996, cofounder Anthony Imperato and his company have manufactured and sold millions of lever-action rifles in a wide variety of calibers and styles. As recently as 2021, Henry produced the eighth most firearms in the US – the fourth most in terms of just rifles.

Foundation and the American Legion. These organizations help support veterans and their families by providing financial assistance, education and support services. Henry's contributions allow these organizations to continue to make a difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

And Henry actively supports youth shooting programs across the United States; as of February 2022, it had donated "somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,000 guns" towards that end, according to Imperato. The company's aim is to provide young people with the education and skills needed to safely handle firearms, while instilling a love and respect for the shooting

sports. The company supports the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance, the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, and the Boy Scouts of America Shooting Sports Program. These programs offer training and competitive opportunities to young people interested in learning about firearms and shooting sports.

By supporting these youth shooting programs, Henry Firearms has helped to introduce young people to the world of shooting sports, potentially sparking a lifelong passion. They have also helped to promote safety and responsible handling of firearms, ensuring that future generations of shooters are educated and knowledgeable.

Indeed, over the years, Henry

Firearms has donated millions of dollars to various charitable organizations. In 2019 alone, they donated over \$1.1 million to organizations such as the National Wild Turkey Federation and RMEF.

The impact of Henry's giving can be seen in the many organizations and individuals they have supported. From youth shooting programs and Second Amendment causes to conservation organizations and veterans support services, Henry's charity work continues to make a positive impact on the broader shooting community and beyond. Henry is always looking for new ways to give back and is open to exploring potential partnerships with organizations that align with its mission and values. ★

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—Ronald Reagan**

**“Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will be America’s heart, her benedictions and her prayers be.”
—John Quincy Adams**

**“My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on Earth enjoy!”
—Thomas Jefferson**

**“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”
—Harry S. Truman**

“Happily for America, happily, we trust, for the whole human race, they pursued a new and more noble course. They accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society.” —James Madison

**“Where liberty dwells, there is my country.”
—Benjamin Franklin**

**“Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility.”
—Eleanor Roosevelt**

**“Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”
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**“In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.”
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The design of our flag represents

our republic. The 13 stripes remind us of our nation's birth, with the brave rebellion of the original 13 colonies from Great Britain.

A star represents each state in the blue field of the union that collectively make up the United States of America.

I ask you to ponder for a moment the significance of that. The collective talent and treasure of the 50 states,

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Here are the stories behind a few of our great nation's most famous flags.

THE GADSDEN FLAG

Before the familiar stars and stripes became official, our military forces went into battle under many unique flags. Perhaps the most famous of them is the one presented by Continental Colonel Christopher Gadsden to the fledgling US Navy's commander-in-chief in December 1775. It was intended as a personal standard to be flown on the flagship. The coiled rattlesnake was by then a familiar element in the imagery of the American Revolution. Benjamin Franklin suggested the rattlesnake had many qualities in common with the new republic. Among them were lidless eyes that were always vigilant, and a peaceful nature unless provoked. The Don't Tread on Me slogan has resonated with Americans since the Revolution. It appears repeatedly in our political history, and most recently, it was used symbolically by members of the TEA (Taxed Enough Already) Party.



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STARS & STRIPES/THE BETSY ROSS FLAG

The first official flag of the US may or may not have been made by Betsy Ross, a widowed Philadelphia upholsterer. The legend emerged around 1876 during the nation's centennial, and was based on family oral history rather than hard facts. She did make flags for the new nation, as did many other upholsterers, tailors and seamstresses. Ross is known to have changed the design of the stars from six points to the more practical five-pointed stars, which are much easier to sew. Whether she and Colonel George Washington ever knew each other, much less collaborated on the first flag's design has never been documented. Sometimes, history doesn't let the facts get in the way of a good story, so to this day many believe Ross designed and made the first American flag. One thing is certain: This flag is the one that represented the new nation starting in 1777, through the majority of the Revolutionary War, and afterward, until 1795, when Vermont and Kentucky joined the union, increasing the number of stars to 15. It should be noted that not all flags of this period had their stars in a circular field. It was but one of many styles.



THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Currently on display in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC, this is the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. It inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem that has since become our national anthem. This massive 30-inch by 42-inch garrison flag was made at the request of the fort commander, Major George Armistead, in preparation for the impending British attack on the city. Fort McHenry guarded the entrance to the harbor and stood in the way of the British. Major Armistead's intent was that the British fleet should see the huge flag from a great distance as a matter of American national pride rather than tactical advantage. On September 12, 1814, the British launched an attack with 5,000 troops supported by cannon fire from a fleet of 19 warships. By the evening of September 13, intent on forcing their way into Baltimore's inner harbor, the British began a 25-hour bombardment of the fort, but could not neutralize it nor compel the surrender of the defenders. Unable to seize the harbor, the British broke off their attack and withdrew. The proportions of this flag seem a little peculiar, because, in addition to its 15 stars, it has 15 stripes. The extra stars and stripes represented Kentucky and Vermont's entrance into the young republic.



CUSTER'S LAST FLAG

During the Battle of Little Big Horn in the southeastern Montana Territory, on June 25, 1876, a 263-man force from the 7th Cavalry Regiment, led by Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, attacked a Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho village. When Custer learned the tribes had discovered his force, he feared they would disperse and escape, so he ordered an immediate attack. He grossly underestimated the size of the tribal force, which outnumbered him four to one. The Indians had many repeating rifles, while the cavalrymen had only the standard single-shot 1873 Springfield Carbine. The result was an epic defeat, resulting in the death of Custer and his entire force. Tattered, bloody and bullet-riddled, this flag was discovered under the body of a fallen cavalryman by a burial detail three days after the battle. The flag is swallow-tailed to reduce wind drag and make it easier for a mounted man to carry. It measures a compact 27½ inches by 33 inches. It sold at Sotheby's auction in 2010 for \$2.2 million to a private collector.



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THE BULLDOZERS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

These two Badlands Precision hunting bullet lines 'are equally accurate and terminally effective.'

STORY BY PHIL MASSARO • PHOTOS BY MASSARO MEDIA GROUP

Bespite being fortunate enough to hunt various game species around the world, I still look forward to the New York deer and bear season each fall; getting together with good friends and heading to familiar territory has a grounding effect. Each year I choose a rifle, prepare



a load for it and enjoy the buildup to the season opener.

In 2021, the Hudson Valley of New York – where I do a good part of my hunting – was hit with a severe bout of EHD, or epizootic hemorrhagic disease, claiming over 75 percent of the deer population along the river itself. The Catskill and Berkshire Mountains, which lie to the west and east of the Hudson, respectively, weren't affected nearly as badly, but the valley was

hammered. It wasn't as bad during 2022, and it seemed as though deer had moved in from surrounding areas, yet it didn't take long to see that the numbers were still off.

For the 2022 deer/bear season, I had reached for my handy Browning X-Bolt rifle, chambered in 6.8 Western, and loaded it up with a monometal projectile from a relatively unknown company: Badlands Precision. Hailing from Yankton, South Dakota, Badlands

Precision is the brainchild of George Fournier, and his bullets are rather terrific. Grabbing a set of reliable Redding dies and a couple types of (the now discontinued) IMR Enduron powders, I cobbled together some test loads. I put the 140-grain .277-inch-diameter Super Bulldozer 2 on paper a number of times during load development, settled on a load using IMR 4955 – which printed three-shot groups under ½-MOA – and was totally confident for the season.

Imagine my surprise when, on a rainy afternoon in early December as the season was winding down, a decent buck stepped out of the overgrown orchard, sniffing wildly for the scent trail of a hot doe that I hadn't seen, but he definitely smelled. Settling the Leupold's crosshair just behind the shoulder crease, I broke the Browning's trigger, and heard the bullet hit. That buck didn't go 25 yards, piling up in a thicket after doing that dead-and-doesn't-know-it spin routine. Needless to say, with the impact of EHD, I was very happy to have taken the buck.

Here in the Northeast, the shot distances aren't long; I took that buck at 90 yards or so. This probably didn't show the full feature set of Badlands' sleek projectiles, but it did speak to the construction. The bullet was recovered in a hindquarter, having penetrated over 3 feet of deer, and



Author Phil Massaro's Browning X-Bolt 6.8 Western certainly liked the Badlands Precision Super Bulldozer 2.



Massaro recovered this 140-grain Super Bulldozer 2 from his 2022 upstate New York whitetail buck; the bullet weighed 114 grains.

weighed 114 grains. The high-impact velocity caused the front of the bullet to expand and then wipe off, giving no resultant expansion, yet the vitals were absolutely destroyed. I'll take that kind of performance any day.

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After a largescale disease breakout in his deer hunting woods, the author felt lucky to put venison in the freezer last season.

terminal performance.

The 140-grain bullet in .277-inch diameter is not a new idea, but in this configuration it will not stabilize in a conventional barrel; it requires a 1-in-8 twist. My Browning has a 1-in-7.5 twist, so there was no issue there. But like most monometal designs with a high BC, you may need to drop down in weight to get the bullet to stabilize in a conventional barrel. To give an idea of the differences between the 140-grain .277-inch-diameter Super Bulldozer 2 and a conventional bullet of the same weight and diameter, like the Sierra GameKing HPBT, you'll see the former measuring 1.56 inches long with a G1 BC of .650, and the latter measure 1.192 inches long with a G1 BC of .337. The Bulldozer 2 and Super Bulldozer 2 series are great choices for the hunter

who wants the ability to reach out, yet also needs a tough bullet in the event of a close-quarter shot.

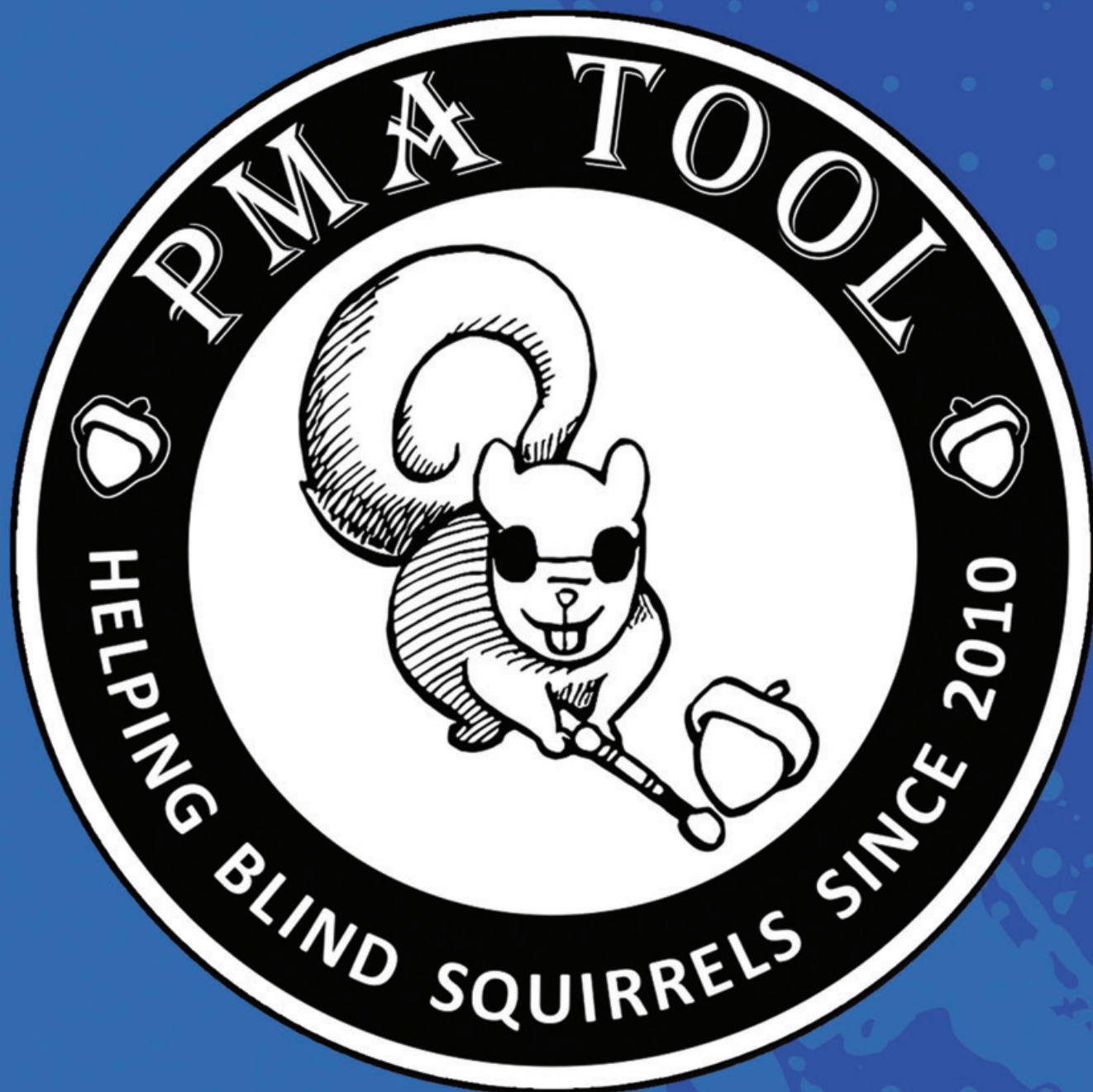
Fournier keeps his tolerances very tight; I weighed varying models of



Three bullets into less than ½-MOA? That'll work for any hunter.

his Badlands projectiles, in different calibers and weights, and never came up with a variance of more than 0.1 grain. And, according to his testing, his projectiles will expand reliably at velocities as low as 1,680 feet per second for the Bulldozer 2 and a little bit lower for the Super Bulldozer 2, which has a thinner ogive. Considering the high BC values these bullets possess, they make great choices for those who hunt at longer ranges; I can see where a sheep hunter or someone in pursuit of Coues deer would reach for these in a heartbeat.

THE BULLDOZER 2 is a bit shorter and less sleek than the Super Bulldozer 2, and generally uses a bit lower weight. Still, it is wonderfully competitive for a hunting bullet, and can demonstrate



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The Super Bulldozer 2, shown here in .277-inch diameter and 140- and 150-grain bullets, makes a perfect choice for the 6.8 Western cartridge and its faster-twist barrel.

excellent accuracy. I loaded up a 140-grain Bulldozer 2 in the new 7mm PRC cartridge, and it would put three in a group measuring right around $\frac{5}{8}$ inch at the 100-yard target board. I also stuffed the 195-grain Bulldozer 2 in my .300 Holland & Holland Magnum. That rifle likes long bullets best and was happy with the Badlands bullet, putting three in a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch group.

In a rifle that has a conventional twist-rate barrel, the Bulldozer 2 is the way to go, as the Super Bulldozer 2 projectiles are (with a couple exceptions) designed for faster-than-normal twist rates. And as the Super Bulldozer is slightly tougher than the “2” variant, it might make sense for the hunter who normally stays within 500 yards to opt for the original design, as it will probably be easier to seat the Super Bulldozer in a conventional magazine.

If you run a custom rifle, embracing a faster twist rate to take full advantage of the higher BC values, then the Super Bulldozer 2 line should warrant an audition on your reloading bench.



Two 140-grain bullets of .277-inch caliber; it is quickly evident why the Badlands bullet needs a faster twist rate to be properly stabilized.

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Considering that the 195-grain .30-caliber Super Bulldozer has a G1 BC of 0.675 (better even than the heavier Hornady 200-grain ELD-X with a G1 BC of 0.597, or the 212-grain ELD-X with a G1 BC of 0.663), and will stabilize in both my .300 Holland & Holland and .300 Winchester Magnum, there is an awful lot to be happy about in the Super Bulldozer line. And should

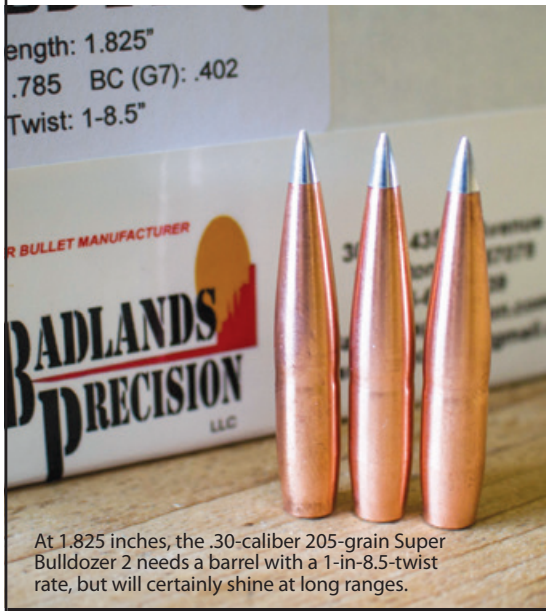
you want to run a faster twist, the 205-grain .30-caliber Super Bulldozer 2 (requiring a 1-in-8.5-twist barrel) will offer a G1 BC of 0.785.

Looking first at the 195-grain Super Bulldozer in a .300 Winchester Magnum, at a muzzle velocity of 2,925 fps with a 200-yard zero, you'll see the bullet drop 6.4 inches at 300 yards, 18.4 inches at 400 yards and 36.4 inches



The Badlands Super Bulldozer line will reliably expand at velocities as low as 1,700 feet per second.

at 500 yards. At that 500-yard mark, the Super Bulldozer is still cruising at 2,270 fps, retaining 2,231 foot-pounds of energy and drifting 12.3 inches in a 10 mph crosswind. Switch to the 205-grain Super Bulldozer 2 at 2,850 fps, and you'll see a slight advantage to 500 yards – as in slightly more retained velocity and a couple inches less wind drift – but it will need to be used out past 800 yards to see a real difference. Either bullet would be a fantastic choice for a sheep or elk hunter who routinely operates at longer ranges. Bottom line is this: Badlands Precision offers a pair of most excellent hunting bullets that are equally accurate and terminally effective. If you enjoy



At 1.825 inches, the .30-caliber 205-grain Super Bulldozer 2 needs a barrel with a 1-in-8.5-twist rate, but will certainly shine at long ranges.

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The majority of dove hunts across the country take place in agricultural fields. On this Texas hunt, motorized dove decoys were used to pull birds within shooting range.

DOVE SEASON PREP FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

One of fall's earliest bird hunts is just around the corner, and now's the time to get ready for downing and retrieving these speedsters.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SCOTT HAUGEN



What was your first hunt? For many of us, I bet the answer is doves. It's the first hunt of fall, often starting before school kicks off, and comes at a time after a birthday ushered us into the realm of legal hunting age, when we waited and waited for a season – any season – to open.

But today, look at us. Many of us are



focused on big game. Heck, a number of us have chased some of the most coveted critters on the planet. But our passion for the hunt began with doves.

While much of what I've written in this column over the past decade – yes, this marks 10 years of writing Road Hunter – has centered on big game, I want to step back to where it all began. Doves. Taking it a step further, let's look at dove hunting and how you and your dog can start preparing for it now.

FOR YOUTH HUNTERS across the nation, dove hunting is a highly anticipated time. For those hunters with new gun dogs, the dove is the perfect bird to learn field discipline and build a range of skills on. In fact, doves were the first birds both of my pudelpointers hunted. Kona's hunt took place in a field at 3 months old, while Echo's first dove hunt – at 7 months of age – was in rolling hills with a pond nearby. Echo is now 9 years old and Kona is 7,





Hot-weather dove hunts are perfect for working on water entries and retrieves with your dog.

and both dogs have been on numerous dove hunts.

Dove season can be a great time to begin your pup's hunting career, even if they're young. Dove hunting days are typically warm and you don't have to get an early start. But face it, it's the amount of shooting action that attracts many of us to dove hunting, usually with a lot more misses than hits.

The majority of dove hunting across North America takes place in agricultural fields, where doves congregate to feed. Mornings, late afternoons and early evenings are prime times to hunt fields, as that's when doves are feeding. Hunters set up along an edge, waiting for doves to either leave or enter the field. Setting up in the shade with the sun at your back will help keep your dog cool and allow them to spot birds – something that's tough

to do when looking into the sun for approaching, fast-flying gray bombers. Be patient, especially with pups, as you want all interaction to be positive. Position your pup for success.

Dove decoys can be effective at helping to bring birds into shooting range. In states that allow motorized decoys, the added motion can yield impressive results because the moving wings catch the attention of doves from a distance. Then again, as in waterfowl hunting, there are times when doves want to be in a certain spot and nowhere else, meaning you may have to adjust your position to get into their flight path and hunt the X.

Before hunting a field with your dog, check for grass seeds. Some fields that are too thick with seeds may not be worth hunting, as they could be a danger to your dog. You don't want

seeds embedding in their feet, ears, eyes or mouth. If it's extremely hot, you may want to shave your dog's coat, if it's a long-haired pup. This not only helps keep them cool, but it also results in less grass seeds getting tangled in their hair.

Before dove season, pluck the long hairs from inside your dog's ears. This long hair often traps dangerous seeds, which funnel into the ear canal. Removing most of the hair from inside the ear will help prevent seeds from getting trapped.

If setting up to hunt doves along fencerows, scour the area for loose barbed wire that a dog might tangle with. Don't cut your dog loose to freely roam unless you know what's out there.

Dove hunting over water is another effective approach. Where I live in the Pacific Northwest, many dove hunters



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Doves are among the hardest game birds to hit on the wing, making them the perfect tuneup for upcoming bird seasons.

head to big rivers with exposed gravel bars. Doves not only frequent these habitats to drink, but they'll also gather grit and roost in nearby trees. Evening hunts along rivers can be exceptional, and dogs always love playing in the water this time of year. It's also a great opportunity to work on water entry and retrieves.

DOVE HUNTING IS fun, easy and inexpensive, and can be exciting for you and your dog. Enter the hunt with

patience and the goal of making it enjoyable for everyone – especially youth who may be involved – and you will come away having learned something while enjoying your time afield.

You won't need much dog gear for a dove hunt, but a fine-toothed brush to remove burrs and a protective dog vest can be helpful should seeds be an issue. I like hunting short grass fields where seeds aren't a concern and where it's easier for dogs, especially pups, to mark birds. Set your dog up for success, just

as you would when training.

If it's exceptionally hot, have enough water to cool your dog down by pouring and rubbing it on their belly and behind their ears. Aging or overweight dogs can easily overheat and suffer from hyperthermia on early-season dove hunts. Hyperthermia can be life-threatening and is actually more common than cold-weather hypothermia. Dark-coated dogs should always hunt from the shade on hot, sunny days. Have plenty of water for



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Most dove hunting is done around farmlands, but don't overlook upland areas.

you and your dog to drink, too, and closely monitor their demeanor. A driven hunting dog will push itself to death; it's up to you to make sure that doesn't happen.

Because there are so many shot opportunities when dove hunting, don't be in a rush. You want to maintain control of your dog and keep them focused at all times. Pups will especially benefit from calm direction, eye contact and walking them through basic hunting expectations. If wearing shooting glasses, use a pair with clear lenses so your dog can see your eyes. Dogs learn a lot and try to predict your next move by reading your eyes.

Veteran dogs can also benefit from dove hunting, especially through high-volume shoots, long-distance retrieves and other advanced handling objectives. If you have something to work on before upland bird and waterfowl season, this is a great opportunity to hone those skills with your dog. Have fun, communicate your expectations and hunt with a purpose. Doing this will help you and your dog.

Doves have very loose, dry feathers, so thoroughly clean your dog's mouth following each retrieve, even if there are multiple birds down. Dry mouths can lead to discomfort, overheating and a reluctance of your dog to continue working. This is where having plenty of water helps.

When a dove is down and your dog is searching for it, refrain from firing over its head, as this will result in hearing loss. Be sure to keep track of where your dog is in the field when low-flying doves whiz by. When it comes to doves, you don't have to force the shot, as there will be more opportunities.

FIELD LOADS, EVEN trap loads, are effective for dove hunting. I like 2¾-inch No. 7½ shot when hunting fields and over water, and No. 6 shot when hunting hill habitat for doves. Be sure to check the local regulations in case there are any nontoxic shot requirements for the area you plan to hunt. This is becoming more common

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Author Scott Haugen and his 3-month-old pup Kona on Kona's first bird hunt, which yielded half a dozen doves.

across the country, so know the regulations prior to hunting.

If you have a pup that's new to hunting and appears gun-shy, try hunting with a smaller-gauge shotgun like a .410 or 20-gauge. If gun work with your pup is a top priority of the hunt, have another hunter join you so they can shoot and you can focus on handling your dog. You want your pup's first hunt to go smoothly, and often that means focusing your attention on it, not pulling the trigger.

Dove hunting builds shooting skills. Birds are plentiful, often coming in from all angles, which allows you to

swing from both the left and right, as well as shoot approaching birds and those passing straight overhead. Doves are also small and dart around quickly, making them challenging to hit and difficult for dogs to mark. A pup will likely need help retrieving doves at first, so get a mark on the bird so you can position your dog to work into the wind and have a successful retrieve.

There aren't many hunts where we can sit and actually wait for birds to pass in front of us for a shot. With this style of hunting comes a great opportunity to teach your pup steadiness and proper obedience while

on an actual hunt.

Recall all the training drills you've done, and will be doing, this summer and how you're preparing your dog for the upcoming bird season. Then think of continuing that training by way of a hunt – in this case, for doves. That's what dove hunting is all about: having fun and creating lots of opportunities that will make you and your dog better hunters. ★

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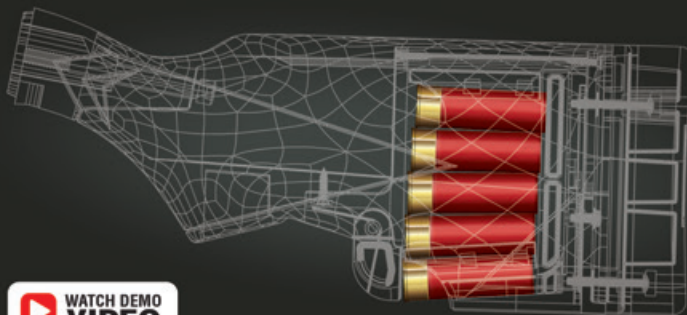
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Q&A WITH THE SHOTGUN GUY

Columnist tackles thorny questions around Remington 870s, Mossberg 500s and Browning A5s.

STORY BY LARRY CASE

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." –William Shakespeare

Just to be blunt about it, when I entered the gun writer world several years ago, I had no idea what I was getting into. I have enjoyed talking about firearms and the many related issues, meeting

the wonderful people I have come in contact with in the gun and outdoor industry (most of them), and – don't tell anyone – I have learned a lot about guns since I started down this writing trail.



I came into this

knowing a good bit about guns, having been around them since I was a little kid. I was a faithful acolyte of Jack O'Connor, Warren Page, Townsend Whelen, Elmer Keith and others at a tender age. I had a lengthy career in law enforcement and took every course offered to become an instructor for rifle, pistol and shotgun, as well as an



Remington 870 Fieldmaster with fleur-de-lis checkering on the stock. (REMINGTON)

armorer for a couple different guns. But even with all this, I never thought I was a fount of knowledge on every firearm ever made.

I think many people expect the guy who has an article in a gun magazine or website to be an absolute expert on firearms – all types of firearms. So I might as well go ahead and say it: I never portrayed myself as an expert on every type of firearm ever made. I don't believe anyone can be – there, I said it – although some gun writers will no doubt think otherwise. (There is a rumor in the gun industry that some gun writers have a slight ego problem.)

I happen to like shotguns and know a little bit about them, which I am very happy to share with you here in *American Shooting Journal*. As you might imagine, when you write articles for different magazines, you get questions on shotguns and other

firearms. Here is a sample of some of the most frequent.

DEAR SHOTGUN GUY, *I want to buy a pump-action shotgun for hunting ducks, turkeys and small game, as well as shooting a few clays. I am looking at the Mossberg 500 and the Remington 870. Which one is best?*

This is the most asked question in the “which shotgun is best” realm. First, hear me out about the whole concept of which one is “best.” We seem to live in a time when many folks want to get on social media or gun-related forums and get instant answers. First, remember that most everyone on the internet is an expert and is eager to tell you all they know. Next, I think often there is no real best for anything, whether it be a hunting knife, hunting dog, four-wheel-drive vehicle or a shotgun. Different shotguns fit different applications, so

determine what this gun will be used for, find a few models in this area, and compare them to see which one suits you best.

The Remington 870 is the most popular shotgun ever sold (north of 11 million) and has served generations of hunters and shooters well. I've heard all the complaints about a certain era of the 870 Express models having various faults. I currently own at least three different vintages of the Express models and I can't find much wrong with any of them. I wouldn't be afraid to go into a used gun shop and buy most any 870 you find, Express model or a Wingmaster.

RemArms (remarms.com), the company that is now making Remington firearms, has been producing a new version of the 870 called the Fieldmaster. It is a solid 870 shotgun with nice walnut furniture, a



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durable matte finish (much better than the old Express models) and a beefed-up set of action bars. If I wanted a new 870, I would buy a Fieldmaster today.

The Mossberg 500 shotgun – and its many variants – probably only slightly trails the 870 in terms of sales. The 500 series from Mossberg (mossberg.com)

has served a couple generations well and has a very loyal following. The 500 is rugged, built like a tank and will go bang every time you yank the trigger. One big advantage I will always give Mossberg is the location of the safety on their shotguns: under your thumb on the back of the receiver. This makes

it ambidextrous and right where a safety should be.

Is one of these shotguns “better” than the other? No, they are both very serviceable pump shotguns. Just as with the old Ford or Chevy issue, it is the one that suits you best.

DEAR SHOTGUN GUY, *I just inherited my grandad's Browning A5 12-gauge shotgun. Is this a good shotgun? Can I still shoot this gun and hunt with it? What is it worth?*

Wow, where do I begin? The Browning Automatic 5 shotgun, usually known as the Auto 5 or A5, is one of the many inventions of firearms genius John Moses Browning and was the first mass-produced semiautomatic shotgun. Browning first tried to sell this patent to Remington and Winchester, but when they turned him down, he got on the boat and went to Fabrique Nationale Herstal (FN) of Belgium. (This is where the term “Belgium Browning” comes from for the guns made in that era). Browning later licensed Remington to make this gun and they produced the Model 11; Browning also licensed Savage, which produced the Model 720 and later the 725.

The Remington and Savage guns were very similar to the FN guns. The Auto 5 is a recoil-operated shotgun and John Browning's design for this action was later adopted to the Remington 11-48 and the Franchi 48L. With its sharp cutoff on the back, the shape of the receiver on the A5 is very distinctive, giving it the nickname “humpback.” Many shooters (like me) believe this configuration is very beneficial in that it quickly gets the shooter's eye on the gun and aligned down the rib or barrel of the shotgun.

Pricing any older shotgun can be tricky and maybe even more so with the A5. This shotgun went through several stages in its production; manufacturing started in Belgium with FN and when World War II started, production was moved to Remington in the states. After WWII, it was returned to Belgium, where it



Browning A5 shotgun with author Larry Case's dog Callie. (LARRY CASE)



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stayed until the end of 1998; however, in 1975 much of the production began occurring in Japan. So what you have is several different eras of guns being made at different times in different places. All of these factors are variables in pricing any older A5, but the resources for pricing these guns on the internet are legion.

Telling someone that an older gun is OK to shoot can also be tricky; as always, if you have any doubts, take the gun to a qualified, experienced gunsmith (not your brother-in-law) and let them fully check it out. If this gun was mine and I wanted to hunt with it, I would do it in a heartbeat.

A5s were meant to hunt with and shoot. I guarantee your grandad didn't think twice about it – just like what the weather was that day – if he wanted to go hunting. I actually saw a question about this recently on one of the shotgun forums where an internet expert told an A5 owner not to take it waterfowl hunting. Go figure; the A5 may have been the most popular shotgun for duck hunters in its day.

Browning (browning.com) is making a modern version of the A5, and while this shotgun resembles the older model, internally it has few similarities. That is OK, however, as the new Browning A5s that I've shot

have performed well. You may want to check out the new versions of the A5, including some of the Wicked Wing models for waterfowl hunting. ★

Editor's note: Larry Case has been a devoted outdoorsman since he was a child. He will admit to an addiction to turkey hunting (spring and fall), but refuses any treatment. He enjoys the company of gobblers and cur dogs that are loud and people who speak the truth softly. Case served 36 years as a game warden in West Virginia and retired with the rank of district captain. You can check out his podcast and other stories at gunsandcornbread.com.

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REMEMBERING K9 HUDSON

Illinois police dog shot during officers' gunfire exchange with carjacking suspect.

STORY BY NICK PERNA

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Animals have long been used by the police. In the early days of American law enforcement, US Marshals, local sheriffs and others used horses as a means of conveyance, chasing down fugitives. They're still used today for crowd control and ceremonial purposes.



But the dog is, by far, the animal most often associated with cops. Dogs with a great sense of smell can sniff out contraband at airports, during traffic stops and at our nation's borders. Canines are often tasked with searching residences and businesses for burglars.

Dogs are trained to sniff out all sorts of things, from cadaver dogs used to search rubble of collapsed buildings, to canines trained to sniff out explosives and firearms. I recently worked with a dog trained to locate hidden electronics – items concealed by those who produce and distribute child pornography.

As an aside, I appreciate the work these dogs do, but I'm not always a fan of using them in dangerous situations. Dogs are so loyal that they will blindly sacrifice their lives to protect others. As a dog lover, it saddens me to see one lose its life in an operation. Unfortunately, that is an unintended result of putting them in harm's way to protect their handlers and others. (I'm married to a former law enforcement canine handler, so I know how a work dog can become a member of the family.)



A memorial tribute to Hudson, a 4-year-old Dutch shepherd K9 officer killed in the line of duty.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE in Kane County, Illinois, uses canines to keep its jurisdiction safe. On May 24 of this year, Hudson, a 4-year-old Dutch shepherd, was on routine patrol with handler Detective Luke Weston. They responded to the scene of a carjacking involving a suspect with a handgun.

Deputies were pursuing the stolen vehicle through county streets, when the suspect abruptly exited the vehicle, armed with the handgun, and prepared to fire at officers. That's when Detective Weston deployed Hudson.

Hudson quickly launched itself at the suspect, latching onto his arm. The suspect fired at officers and, in the exchange, Hudson was hit. The suspect was killed.

Unfortunately, so was Hudson. Prior to passing away, though, the shepherd crawled back towards Detective Weston. Hudson's last actions were to protect him.

The violent affair was over and, due largely to Hudson's actions, there were no victims or officers hurt.

On June 1, Hudson – named for an

Illinois state trooper who had also been killed in the line of duty – was laid to rest. Hundreds of people, along with a large contingent of four-legged law enforcers, packed a school gymnasium to pay their respects. Hudson had spent three years as a member of the sheriff's office, responding to hundreds of calls. Specializing in narcotics and patrol, Hudson helped in the seizure of over 100 kilograms of illegal drugs and tracked down more than 100 criminal suspects and missing persons.

Crossing over the Rainbow Bridge, Hudson left a better, safer world behind. ★

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The 1934 Ford V8 sedan driven by outlaws Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker after they were ambushed and killed in Louisiana by a posse. Barrow loved the vehicle for two reasons: It was the fastest car of its time, and it had the strongest steel, which was good for ramming other cars and he thought added protection from gunfire. The 100-plus bullet holes peppering the car speak to how a criminal lifestyle can sometimes end.



DEADLY FORCE ENCOUNTERS WITH DEADLY GANGSTERS

Thoughts on self-defense through the lens of the hunt for bank robbers and murderers Bonnie and Clyde.

STORY BY PAUL PAWELA

Two developments precipitated the writing of this article. First, in my home state of Florida, our

great governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill making Florida a constitutional carry state, which means a citizen of Florida is not required to be licensed to carry a firearm. Second, the number of violent acts in the United States is



epidemic. It now involves young people from the ages of 9 to 25 committing the most heinous and violent crimes that are on the books: drive-by shooting, rape, robbery, murder, kidnapping and carjacking, to mention a few. And it is not just young males committing these crimes; we are seeing an increasing number of young women committing acts of violence as well.

Back to the number one reason for writing this article: many people who own a gun for their protection do zero

training (shooting at paper targets is not training) for such a deadly force encounter. As the Navy SEAL saying goes, “Under pressure, you don’t rise to the occasion, you sink to the level of your training.” All good firearms instructors worth their salt will agree.

Training cannot be emphasized enough because if you want to reduce your risk and manage your fears, you train. The most successful people who do this well are tactical police officers, highly skilled gangsters and highly

Colorized photo of the conclusion and violent end to Bonnie and Clyde's killing spree.



Over 150 rounds were fired by the posse to kill the duo. All rounds shown here went clean through and into the occupants.



trained people, period!

So, the question is, if you are an armed citizen, do you have the skill set to take on highly trained bad guys? Moreover, do you have the mindset to engage a young juvenile with deadly force? Do you have it in you to pull the trigger on a woman – who may even be pregnant – that is threatening your life or your loved ones? Are you positive that not only do you have the training to negotiate that scenario, but you have the intestinal fortitude to pull this off as well?

Using armed robbers and murderers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow as a case study, we'll look at the lessons learned from both the criminal side, as well as that of the lawman who tracked them down, Frank Hamer. We'll also look at their common denominators.

IN MY SELF-DEFENSE training sessions, I make the analogy that in a deadly force encounter, you are either part of the crime scene or you *are* the crime scene. The example I give is this: You are inside

a bank when, all of a sudden, Bonnie and Clyde's gang comes in with guns drawn – shotguns or assault rifles, or both – and commands, "This is a bank robbery! No one moves and no one gets hurt!" You have a split second to decide what you are going to do. Should you survive that encounter, you will be interviewed by local, state and federal officers as to who, what, when, where and why everything happened. In other words, you are every bit a part of that crime scene.

Now let's say you're at the ATM at



The Joplin, Missouri, apartment where two police officers were shot and killed by members of the Barrow Gang.





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The posse that killed Bonnie and Clyde included (front row) Bob Alcorn, Henderson Jordan and Frank Hamer, and (back row) Ted Hinton, Prentiss Oakley and B.M. "Maney" Gault.

your bank, and once again, the Barrow Gang advances toward you, guns drawn, and commands you to give up the money you just withdrew. Once again, your split-second decision will determine your fate, and once again, you become the crime scene.

I use the Bonnie and Clyde gangsters as a reference because, as a couple, they shot to notoriety in the era of America's "first" Great Depression, from 1929 to 1939, caused by a significant fall in stock prices on Wall Street that crashed the market. Since times were challenging and jobs scarce, many people turned to the "easy" hard path of becoming criminals, and eventually, gangsters.

In addition to Bonnie and Clyde, the careers of infamous gangsters such as John Dillinger, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Al Capone and George "Machine Gun Kelly" Barnes were born during this time. They all did what criminals do: terrorize innocent people by robbing, kidnapping and murdering. Law enforcement personnel tried to apprehend them, sometimes with tragic results, as many sustained

lifelong injuries or were killed outright by the gangsters and their cronies.

Such was the case with Bonnie and Clyde. By the time they were tracked down and killed by law enforcement, Bonnie, age 24, and Clyde, 25, had 16 warrants for auto theft, carjacking,

robbery, assault and the murder of nine police officers and three civilians.

CLYDE BARROW'S LIFE of crime started in his teenage years (like today's criminal element). What started as petty theft graduated to home burglaries, then to safecracking and automobile theft. At age 17, he was sentenced to years of incarceration for grand theft. He was ordered to a prison farm, where guards routinely beat and brutalized their prisoners by pistol-whipping, whipping or outright executing inmates. The incident would change Barrow forever; at 5 feet 6 inches and around 120 pounds, he was sexually assaulted repeatedly by a much larger inmate. It was so bad that the teenager took a metal pipe and beat his attacker to death. Barrow did not leave prison as a rehabilitated man; he left as an angry, hardened criminal who vowed never to be taken alive and returned to prison.

There are several lessons to be learned from Barrow and his gang, who were all repeat hardened criminal offenders that practiced their craft. For instance:

- Highly proficient with all weapons and believing in superior firepower, Barrow and his gang practiced regularly with pistols, revolvers, semiautomatics,



Bonnie and Clyde.





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Bonnie and Clyde, as well as their gang, were always heavily armed and usually had superior firepower over the police, with the exception of the posse that killed them. The Ford they were killed in was literally a traveling arsenal.

shotguns and Browning automatic rifle machineguns. They would often modify guns to fit their needs. Barrow had a welder shorten the barrel length and weld three magazines together, giving him 60 rounds in .30 caliber. He taught Bonnie Parker, a 100-pound 4-foot, 10-inch woman – never underestimate your opponent by height, size, weight or sex – to be proficient with all weapons, including the Browning automatic rifle.

- In gunfights, Barrow stayed calm

and took charge, giving strong verbal commands, which everyone followed.

- Proficient in rendering self-aid and first aid, Barrow and all members were shot or injured many times before being killed. Not only did the gang members deal with extraordinary pain (mindset), but they treated each other's wounds with primitive field dressings and other minor medicines they had on hand (heartset).
- They would kill without hesitation if

they felt cornered.

- Barrow had excellent driving skills. He chose the Ford V8 because it was the fastest model car of its day and could outrun police cars. It also had the best steel among cars made during that time, which aided in ramming other cars and stopping low-caliber bullets.

FRANK HAMER WAS hired to track down and help kill Bonnie and Clyde. He was noted as one of the greatest lawmen



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Author Paul Pawela at the ambush site where posse members set the death trap for Bonnie and Clyde. The point of the heavy armament Pawela is posing with is that deadly force encounters are very serious, and training and weapon craft should be taken extremely seriously. Note his rifle's double-stack mag and backup handguns.



To the left of the author is the exact spot where Bonnie and Clyde were shot to death; to his right is a memorial to the posse that killed them.



in the country's history, with over four decades of experience with multiple departments. He was involved in over 50 gunfights, with more than 53 confirmed kills. Hamer was shot 17 times during his career and left to die four times.

An entire article needs to be devoted to this great man, and perhaps in the future we will do so, but for now, let's look at what we can learn from Hamer.

- Religion greatly influenced Hamer's life; Hamer had honor, courage,

character, loyalty, respect for women, and a firm resolve to never back down from an enemy.

- Hamer took great pleasure in mastering self-reliance skills; he was a master of living in the outdoors and of hunting and fishing. He was a self-study on how Native Americans sought survival; he taught himself patience, endurance and independence.
- Hamer literally grew up living with guns. His marksmanship would become legendary, and he also would become a killer of bad men at an early age.

- The difference between Hamer shooting bad guys and Barrow shooting good guys was Hamer's shooting style. He believed in calm, deliberate marksmanship, firing as few shots as possible, thus reducing the danger to innocent civilians.
- In Hamer's pursuit of Bonnie and Clyde, he went after them with specific modified weapons. The rifle he used to kill Bonnie and Clyde was a modified Remington Model 8 with a 20-round magazine; his posse was armed with Model 8 rifles, a Browning



The original Bonnie and Clyde Death Car is located at the Buffalo Bill Hotel in Primm, Nevada. The shirt is Clyde's death shirt; an autopsy revealed his body had 17 bullet entrance wounds, while Bonnie's had 26. The rear of Clyde's shirt shows an exit wound that snapped his spinal column, one of two ways to guarantee death of a human; the other is a well-placed shot to the head. Clyde received both, and then some. The one thing that made Bonnie and Clyde so tough was how much they loved each other, so much so that they would die for each other. The author understands that kind of commitment – that's he and his wife Linda by the Death Car.



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E.B. Wheeler of Grapevine, Texas: Died April 1, 1934
H.D. Murphy of Grapevine, Texas: Died April 1, 1934
Cal Campbell of Commerce, Oklahoma: Died April 6, 1934

A memorial lists the 12 people, including nine law enforcement members, killed by the duo.

automatic rifle, semiautomatic shotguns, and handguns.

- In the ambush itself, the all-male ambush team had reservations about shooting a woman, but in the end, they did not hesitate in doing so. They unleashed over 100 rounds into the automobile Bonnie and Clyde were in; Bonnie was shot 26 times, and Clyde was hit 17 times (the first round to hit him in the head killed him instantly).

The question for you, the armed citizen, is how prepared are you to take on trained gangsters, male or female?

The answers to surviving are found in all the common denominators, good and bad. And that's my two cents. ★

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UM Tactical, with its sight mounting systems, Boltaron holsters, compensators and more, plans expansions.

STORY BY JASON BROOKS • PHOTOS BY UM TACTICAL



UM Tactical is a leading firearms company that specializes in innovative firearm holsters, mounting systems, parts and magazine accessories. Founded in 2013, UM Tactical has quickly become a recognized name in the firearms industry and is known for its high-quality products and commitment to customer service. UM Tactical's products are designed with patented technologies and innovative

designs, such as the RAGE TCS, or Rapid Adjustable Gas Expulsion Total Compensation System, which revolutionizes traditional compensator designs. But it all started with one shooter's need to mount a sight on a handgun.

IN 2012, BRIAN Wilson went to his garage and built a mounting system for his handgun. He was looking to put a sight on his firearm for an upcoming hog hunt and, being a craftsman by

trade, he took it upon himself to design the mounting system so no additional tooling would be needed to affix the sight on the handgun. In that garage he came up with what would become the UM3 sight mount and showed it to his wife Janet. The two of them realized that this sight mounting system was something that other shooters would be interested in.

It took a year to turn that first prototype sight mount into a business and in 2013 the Wilsons formed UM

Tactical, still manufacturing products in that same garage. After a few years of trials and tribulations, the small company made it out of the garage and became the formidable business that it is today.

“It started with the UM3 mount, which is completely universal and no tooling needed, and then Brian made a holster for it and that is what started our journey into the holster world,” explained Janet Wilson.

Patents and trademarks were acquired, but even then some other manufacturers started to copy their designs.

Like any other small mom-and-pop business, it took some learning of both the manufacturing and legal worlds, but the popularity of UM Tactical kept growing. Brian Wilson designed all of the machines that are used to make each of their products. Every holster is handmade one at a time in their Florida manufacturing plant.

Once the UM3 sight mount and holsters were becoming mainstream, UM Tactical teamed up with Taurus in 2018 and began a rebranding campaign. This led to the expansion of their holster line, including revolvers.

In addition to handgun accessories and holsters, Brian Wilson’s



UM3 mount.



UM3 mount being shot.

background and machining expertise also led to the development of the RAGE TCS compensator. Deemed “the world’s first re-configurable recoil management system,” the RAGE TCS is a revolutionary concept that allows the user to switch between a muzzle brake and a compensator in a matter of seconds. This technology allows the user to customize the firearm to their specific needs, whether it be for accuracy or recoil reduction. Some of the advantages of the RAGE TCS include easy installation, reduction of felt recoil, no modifications needed in the tuning process, an allowance for extremely accurate follow-up shots, and more. The RAGE TCS also conforms to 3-Gun Nation and USPSA Multi-gun rules for competition shooters.

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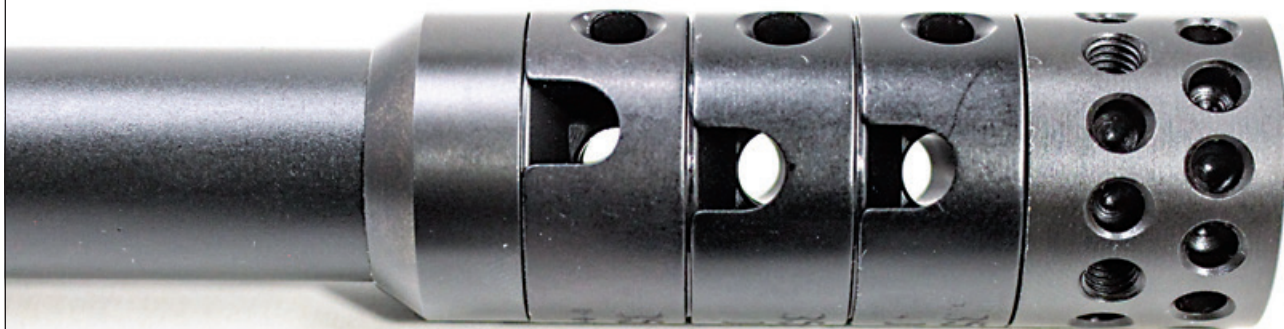
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The UM Tactical crew includes: back row: Lee, Lauren, Dylan, Chase, Ashley (with cat Pistol) and Peter; middle row: Schane, Brian (with dog Elsa) and Janet (with dog Sabre); and front row: Ava.



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profit, but instead is a local Florida-based family company willing to help others, including its customers.

UM Tactical has also earned a reputation for producing quality gun accessories that are reliable and durable. Many customers have noted the quality of UM Tactical's holsters, citing their comfort and fit. Some have also noted how easy the holsters are to draw from, which is critical in any emergency situation. The holsters are made from Boltaron, which is extremely strong and impact-resistant. Most other companies use Kydex, which is easily formable with heat and then press-formed. Boltaron is much stronger and holds its strength in extremely cold temperatures, which can cause other materials to become brittle.

Customers have reported using UM Tactical's products in real-life situations, and the accessories have performed exceptionally well. The fast and easy draw of the company's holsters has saved many lives in self-defense situations.

UM Tactical is actively seeking ways to expand its reach while maintaining the quality and reliability of its products. The company plans to expand into new markets while continuing to focus on its core products. Part of the expansion process includes building a brand-new state-of-the-art 8,400-square-foot manufacturing and headquarters plant in southwest Florida. This will allow the company to make its current products as well as conduct research and development into future innovations.

Overall, UM Tactical is a leading company in the firearms industry, thanks to its commitment to quality, innovation and customer service. As the company continues to grow and expand, it will undoubtedly continue to provide customers with exceptional products and services. If you're in the market for gun accessories, UM Tactical should be at the top of your list. ★

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BLACK POWDER



Dan Johnson slings lead with his '73 Short Rifle in .44-40 Highwall, a light-recoiling gun that works with an old shoulder injury he suffered. Johnson was one of several new shooters at a western Washington club's annual series of black powder cartridge matches, dubbed Buffalo Camp.

NEW BLOOD AT BUFFALO CAMP

Fresh faces – young and old alike – add spice to shooters' annual black powder cartridge matches.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MIKE NESBITT

The Black River Buffalo Runners just completed our sixth – as well as the biggest and best – annual Buffalo Camp series of black powder cartridge matches. This is still a rather small event but it is certainly growing, and this year we had some new participants. These new shooters added a certain amount of spice to the mix and they're worth telling you about.



DAN JOHNSON HAS been shooting black

powder with us for over two years. His total shooting experience goes back many years, military and otherwise, but it was only recently that he ventured to the “dark side” and began seriously shooting with black powder. For Dan, it all began when he would volunteer to be our range safety officer for some of our Old West centerfire matches where he'd just watch. Then the scent of spent black powder penetrated his nostrils and that quickly led to more enjoyable involvement.

But Dan has a problem that we might call a limiting factor; he has old injuries

that prevent his shoulder from absorbing the blows from heavy-recoiling rifles. Those black powder cartridge buffalo guns can kick, maybe worse than shotguns. Therefore, Dan had to look for a black powder rifle that didn't offer the recoil of a buffalo gun. Such was found in a copy of the good old Winchester Highwall chambered for the .44-40 cartridge, firing a 200-grain bullet at about 1,300 feet per second.

Dan had been shooting a short-barreled copy of the 1873 Winchester, imported by Cimarron Arms, as well as a matching revolver, but the '73 didn't



Mike Holeman prepares to squeeze off a shot during the camp's Little Quigley Match, fashioned after the shoot annually held in Montana and which is named for the beloved movie *Quigley Down Under* with actor Tom Selleck.



A .44-40 Low-wall, similar to Johnson's Highwall, with a tight 50-yard group.

have a rear sight that was quickly and accurately adjustable for setting the sight to various distances. So Dan acquired the .44-40 Highwall, equipped with a tang-mounted Vernier sight. This gun was everything he had asked for: a light-recoiling but authentic black powder cartridge rifle that has what it takes for 200-yard shooting at our annual Little Quigley Match at Buffalo Camp.

The load Dan favors uses a 205-grain bullet over 34 grains of Olde Eynsford 1½F powder. He says that load gives him the performance he wants at both ends of the gun – out of the muzzle and at the butt plate – and I'd have to say that it is certainly working for him.

At this year's Buffalo Camp, he made 10 hits on the gong, firing 15 shots over cross-sticks at 200 yards and another



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Jim Haeckel with his scope-sighted .45-70 Sharps.

five shots offhand at 100 yards. Dan almost doubled my score, and placed sixth in the overall competition. That was simply very good, especially for his first time at this event.

ANOTHER NEW COMPETITOR at Buffalo Camp was Mike Holeman, but Mike is not a new shooter. I've known Mike for several years and over the course of those years, I have tried, teased and taunted him to join us for some black powder cartridge shooting. He would refuse me with an oath that he didn't need to do that. Then I'd simply come back to him with the warning that once he did try black powder cartridges, he'd quickly learn how much time he had wasted by turning my offers down.

When Mike finally gave in, he became a monster! He couldn't buy black powder cartridge rifles fast enough, then searched the Earth for brass and reloading tools. It all began with a C. Sharps Arms Highwall in .38-55. That led to a custom rolling block

in .45-70. Then came his very nice 1874 Sharps Bridgeport Model from C. Sharps Arms, also in .45-70, and that's the rifle he used to "make points" at his first try at Buffalo Camp.

We can't say that Mike did anything wrong, but his fast and furious climb into black powder shooting might have set some records. In fact, watching his enthusiasm is tremendous, and it's contagious! With only a little more time at the shooting bench, he might have done better in the match but that will come. Mike finished in 12th place overall and his fire of enthusiasm is still climbing.

Mike used 535-grain bullets loaded over 63 grains of Swiss 1½ Fg powder, a very respectable loading, and his bullets were cast from Lyman's No. 457132 mold, their famous Postell bullet. (Postell was a noted target shooter back in the 1890s and early 1900s.) With a start like that, Mike can easily expect to improve; in fact, we can count on it. By the way, he planned on trying

those loads at mid-June's big Matthew Quigley Buffalo Rifle Match.

NOW I WANT to tell you about Jim Haeckel. I've been encountering Jim for at least a few years in the muzzleloading circuit, but it was just this past spring that he bought a Sharps in .45-70 caliber. He had expectations of using ammunition that he already had for his lever-action .45-70. It isn't the easiest to explain, but while those rifles are chambered for the same cartridge, almost all shooters end up using different loadings in their two rifles, one for smokeless powders and another for black powder. Mixing the ammo usually is not successful for best performance.

But Jim learned fast. Now he loads his .45-70 with black powder, at least for his rather newly acquired Sharps. And he likes it that way.

Jim blazed a new trail for us at Buffalo Camp because he is the first to use a Sharps rifle with a telescopic sight (but he won't be the last; I'll do it next year!).



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The '73 Trapper carbine in .44-40 fit new shooter Ryan Ritter, 13, very well.

And for a first-time shooter, he did fairly well by getting 14 of the possible 20 hits on gongs in the Little Quigley Match and placing ninth in the overall competition, even dressing the part. Jim is somewhat like Mike Holeman: when you get hooked, you're hooked! Jim has already re-stocked his Sharps with some very pretty wood and you can bet that he'll be adding to his "Sharps collection" as opportunity allows.

THE NEXT NEW shooter I want to tell you about is a rather special one. Ryan is the 13-year-old son of "Doc" Ritter. At our recent Buffalo Camp, Ryan came with his dad and they camped just a little ways from where Mike Moran

and I were camped. On the Saturday morning of Buffalo Camp, when we hold the Little Quigley Match, Ryan mainly observed, staying close to his dad and possibly doing some of the "spotting" for his father.

At that match's conclusion, Doc came to me and asked if a special target could be posted because Ryan was interested in trying a rifle. Well, certainly! Actually, two targets were posted, one at 100 yards and another at 50 yards, to give Ryan the chance to get his eye trained for making good hits. I don't know if Ryan ever tried his father's .45-70 custom Hartford Sharps, which has a crescent butt plate. To give

the boy a better starting chance, Dan Johnson had him shooting the .44-40 Highwall. That fit right in!

To give Ryan more shooting with a rifle that was more appropriate in fit and style for him, I just happened to have my '73 Trapper carbine in .44-40 along. Ryan used that Trapper carbine on a paper target and once he got the feel of it, he and his dad went down the Meat Hunt trail for more good shooting. I was told that on the trail, Ryan excelled! The only thing that Ryan had to ask for was more ammunition!

The Meat Hunt, which I have mentioned in the past, is a trail-walk where animal- or game-shaped



Ritter takes aim at an antelope silhouette on the Meat Hunt trail, which he "excelled" on.

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silhouettes are hung at various non-noted distances to make it like a real hunting experience. Rather than buffalo guns, we use our “camp guns” for this and the .44-40 is a popular choice. A total of just 15 targets are on the trail, plus a tiebreaker, which means there are 16 shots fired while on the Meat Hunt. A lot of our shooters consider the Meat Hunt more fun than the Little Quigley Match, and fun is our only purpose for holding these events.

AND IT'S BEEN fun for me to simply tell you about these four new shooters at Buffalo Camp. They were the real highlights of the event, even more than the winners and high-scoring shooters, and we can certainly expect to see them again in the coming years. Now, let me make a quick offhand prediction: I'm just guessing that when Ryan comes back, either next year or the year following, that he might have his own rifle and he'll outshoot his dad! ★



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