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CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP

AUTO MAG CLUB ORGANIZED!

by LEE E. JURRAS and GEORGE C. NONTÉ

"Let's have an Auto Mag Club." I've heard that from several owners of this revolutionary, scarce, and desirable handgun. I heartily approve of the idea, and because of my great personal interest in the Auto Mag and the work we are doing with both .44 and .357 AMP ammunition, I'm now attempting to organize the club.

It seems to me and my associates that we'd all like to have such a club, so with the idea in mind of tying us all together for our mutual benefit, I've incorporated the "Club de Auto Mag Internationale, Inc." headquartered here in Shelbyville.

Hopefully, no one will take offense at this action - it needed to be done, and because of my strong personal interest, it seemed appropriate to move ahead.

Membership in the Club de Auto Mag Internationale is open first to owners of the aristocrat of all handguns, and also to those who are simply enthusiasts or hope to own an example some day.

The goals and purpose of the club are to bring together through membership and this newsletter all those who share our views and interest in the Auto Mag.

Through this newsletter, members may exchange ideas, experiences, technical tips, and personal evaluations of guns and ammunition.

In addition, the results of my own extensive ballistic laboratory tests, to include fully developed load data for all AMP cartridges, will be published herein as they become available.

Members are encouraged to submit photos and details of their own activities featuring Auto Mag pistols (only) which will be published in this newsletter, insofar as space and editing requirements permit.

Considering the few thousands of Auto Mag pistols in private hands throughout the world, this newsletter is really the only way we can keep abreast of one another's activities.

Further, we intend to reserve space herein for club members to run no-charge ads pertaining to the sale or acquisition of Auto Mag pistols and directly-related items.

Essentially, those are our plans at the moment, but I'd be more than happy to receive recommendations and suggestions from members. Several ideas and projects have already been suggested and are being considered - for example, how many of you would be interested in:

Special national and international big-game and varmint safaris with only Auto Mag pistols allowed, and, perhaps, our own trophy records.

Special competitive shooting programs built around Auto Mag pistols, field positions, and targets, perhaps even on an international scale similar to the Metallic Silhouette rifle matches already in existence.

A world-wide registry of Auto Mag owners and enthusiasts so we could meet in our travels.

These are just some of the ideas that have come up already in this very short time. We'd like to hear more - and be assured we'll structure this newsletter and club activities and operations in accordance with the wishes and needs of the members.

With all that in mind, we'd like to have you join us - **Club de Auto Mag**

International, Inc. - and receive this newsletter monthly for only \$10.00 per annum. **Note: \$15.00 for membership of persons living outside the Continental United States to cover the additional costs of Air Mail postage.**

An application blank is supplied on page 4. You need not feel obligated to fill in all of the blanks, just those that are obviously necessary. The others are for use if you'd like to help us learn more about "The Auto Mag Man" - who he is, what he does, and what he likes.

If you don't own an Auto Mag, but hope to some day, or simply want to learn more about it, you are still more than welcome - just send us your application and check and you'll be in on the inside dope from now on.

Membership includes not only 12 issues of the L.E. Jurras Auto Mag Newsletter, but a membership card and a large membership certificate suitable for framing.

The first 250 members will be classed as Charter Members, and this will be so indicated on their cards and certificates. If you'd like the distinction of being a "Charter Member," I'd like to suggest you get that application in right away - quite a few of the slots are already filled or reserved.

That's the story. We are already hard at work to pull all this together; and I'm not doing it all myself - George Nonté, J.D. Jones, Harry Sanford and Kent Lomont, whose names I'm sure you recognize, are all pitching in to make your club and newsletter what you want.

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Biographies Of Club Organizers

LEE E. JURRAS -
Editor and Publisher

Lee E. Jurras is founder and President of the Super Vel Cartridge Corporation, co-founder of the "Outstanding American Handgunner Awards" Program, Charter Member of Indiana Chapter, Safari Club International, Business Member International Professional Hunters Association, Charter Life Member of Hunting Hall of Fame Foundation and Endowment Member of the NRA.

Lee has taken nearly 100 head of medium and large game with a handgun from Alaska to Africa. In addition to his activities in the handgun hunting field, the largest portion of his livelihood is derived from ballistics research in handguns and handgun ammo.

MAJOR GEORGE C. NONTE -
Technical Editor

George is a retired Army Ordnance Officer, consultant and handgun specialist. Among his peers, George is probably considered the most knowledgeable when it comes to the care and feeding, idiosyncracies and modifications of the handgun. He has authored over a dozen books and is a staff member of several publications.

A member of the Indiana Chapter of Safari Club International, George actively hunts both large and small game with a handgun on an international basis.

J. D. JONES -
Field Testing

J. D. is presently handgun editor for Gunsport magazine. An avid experi-

menter and handloader in the handgun field, he tests thousands of rounds with scores of handguns annually, specializing in the big bore handguns. He actively hunts big game with a handgun throughout the U.S. and his long range hitting ability borders the fantastic. J. D. was listed in the "Top Ten" Outstanding American Handgunners in 1973 and 1974.

KENT LOMONT -
Field Testing

Kent is a chemical engineer for the Eaton Corporation of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He started custom loading for handguns at the age of 9, and got his first .44 Super Blackhawk at the age of 11. By age 16, Kent owned and was testing over 300 big bore handguns.

Lomont has assembled about every available combination of propellants and projectiles fired in big bore handguns. With both scoped and unscoped handguns, Kent has fired nearly one million rounds of .44 Mag ammo. To date, he has test fired approximately forty-five thousand rounds in both the .357 and .44 AMP cartridge.

HARRY SANFORD -
Technical Advisor

In 1968, Harry designed the Auto Mag pistol and his patent was issued in 1973. In addition to designing various cartridges, Harry holds other patents in the firearms industry.

An avid big game hunter, Harry is a Charter Member of the Los Angeles Chapter, Safari Club International. He is founder of the California Big Horn Sheep Society and is a Life Member of the NRA. In addition to having his grand slam on sheep, he took the second largest grizzly in the Continental U.S.

L.E. Jurras Custom 100 - .357 Auto Mag Now Available!

by **GEORGE C. NONTE**

L. E. Jurras, international handgun hunter and President of Super Vel Cartridge Corp., commissioned T.D.E. CORP., El Monte California, to manufacture a special, limited-edition model of the Auto Mag pistol to his specifications. This gun, as revised by Jurras, represents what he considers the epitome of modern hunting handguns, possessing the optimum values in velocity and flat trajectory, power, accuracy, recoil, handling and reliability.

This model will be designated and marked "L. E. JURRAS, CUSTOM MODEL 100" and production will be limited to 100 units in .357 AMP caliber. It will feature 6½-inch ribbed barrel, Mag-Na-Port muzzle modification, adjustable open sights, custom grips of contrasting woods and presentation case.

The standard "L. E. JURRAS, CUSTOM MODEL 100" with 6½-inch barrel is priced \$487.50. Guns carrying Serial Number LEJ 080 through LEJ 090 inclusive, will have the 8½-inch unribbed barrel and will be available at an additional cost of \$25.00.


Custom .44 AMP Commissioned

by **LEE E. JURRAS**

Because of the tremendous interest generated by the mention of the possible commissioning of a custom .44 AMP in last month's issue of the Super Vel Newsletter, I've commissioned T.D.E. to build 100 guns with matching serial numbers. Those individuals whose deposit has been received on the .357 AMP, naturally, have 1st choice of matching serial numbers on the .44 AMP.

Like most other commodities during the past year, there was a price increase on these guns between the commissioning of the .357 AMP's and .44 AMP's.

The standard 6½-inch ribbed barrel .44 AMP's will sell for \$499.50, and the 8½-inch un-ribbed barrel for \$524.50.

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PRONGHORN TAKEN Geo. C. Nonte poses with a Pronghorn taken with his .357 Auto Mag during a recent New Mexico hunt. George used the 137 grain Super Vel JSP .357 bullet.

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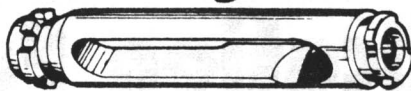
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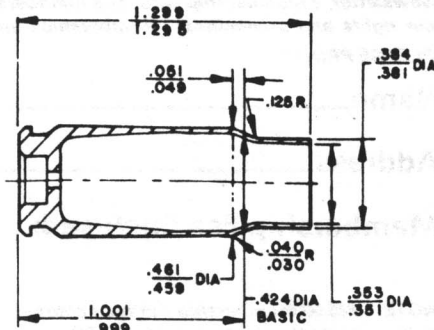


by LEE E. JURRAS

NOTES TO .357 AMP HANDLOADERS

When ordering your RCBS dies for necking the "C.D.M." .44 AMP cases to .357 AMP, suggest you order your expander plug .352 inch diameter for use with .356 inch bullets. This allows for virtually no expanding, but only bell the case mouth enough to start the bullet, yet give the required bullet to case marriage. When the "C.D.M." .44 AMP case is necked to .357 AMP, it will require a case trimming of .008 inch to .012 inch to maintain the proper case length. DO NOT neck ream this "C.D.M." case, just the necessary chamfering inside and outside the case mouth. Recommend the new RCBS case trimmer, if you do not already have one. This technique is for use with the "C.D.M." .44 AMP cases only.

Those of you who use the 308 case, follow instructions as given in your RCBS 44-357 AMP case forming die sets. The .352 inch diameter expanded will still be adequate for use with our .355 inch 80 and 90 grain bullets for those speed enthusiasts who want 3,000 f.p.s. for varmint hunting.



Kent Lomont, of Lomont Precision Bullets, Fort Wayne, IN, tells me he is getting 3,000 f.p.s. plus with our 80 gr. JHP bullet, and 3½ inch groups at 100 yards. More info on this later, after I have personally run pressure tests.

Due to the lead time required by C.D.M. to manufacture 357 and 44 AMP cases to our specs, the first ammo available from Super Vel will carry the C.D.M. Headstamp. LEJ

Classified

Use of the Classified Ad Section is free to all Club de Auto Mag Internationale members. Non-members may advertise at the following rates: To 15 words per issue - \$4.00, To 30 words - \$7.50. Please contact our Advertising Dept. for multiple issue or special display advertising rates

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L.E. Jurras, Custom Mod. 100, .357 and .44 AMP Auto Mags with matching serial numbers LEJ 001 to LEJ 100 - from \$487.50
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I understand that my acceptance as a member of the Club de Auto Mag Internationale, Inc. entitles me to receive 12 issues of L. E. Jurras' Auto Mag Newsletter, a membership card, and membership certificate suitable for framing. I further understand that my acceptance will entitle me to full member rights and privileges. Memberships are renewable 11 months following the date of original application.

(PLEASE PRINT)

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Membership Fee Enclosed: \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ By: Check _____ PMO _____ Other _____

NOTE: \$15.00 membership fee for persons living outside the Continental United States.

Signature _____

We would appreciate you taking time to fill out the following questionnaire. Your answers will help us select topics for future L. E. Jurras' Auto Mag Newsletters which best represent the interest of our members.

Do you own a Auto Mag? _____ .357 ☐ .44 ☐ Do you Handload? _____

Check category of interest: Collector ☐ Target Shooter ☐ Hunter ☐

Memberships: NRA ☐ USRA ☐ Safari International ☐ Private Club(s) ☐

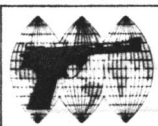
Other ☐ _____

What is your profession? _____

How many handgun rounds do you fire per year? Practice _____ Hunting _____

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THANK YOU!



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