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On the back page of the L. E. Jurras & Associates Auto Mag brochure, many sharp-eyed Auto Mag enthusiasts have noticed the fact that Harry Sanford is holding what appears to be a ribbed 8½" barreled Auto Mag. It's true; the above photo shows the one and only prototype 8½" ribbed barreled .44 AMP ever produced. This has never been a production item and is only shown for the benefit of the Auto Mag enthusiast. Also pictured is the prototype XP0007.

Rotary Bolt



by LEE E. JURRAS

During the past three months, I have seen several articles in various gun publications concerning the feasibility of using Blue Dot during cold weather extremes in magnum handgun loads. Some writers have written and so stated the possibility of it being dangerous under these extreme cold weather conditions. However, in each of these articles and/or correspondence and conversation, the

individuals failed to give either scientific and/or laboratory validity to their claims.

In Volume 1, No's 7 & 8 of the Auto Mag Newsletter, I published laboratory load data using Blue Dot in both the .357 and .44 AMP cartridges. I also recommended the Blue Dot loadings when hunting and/or shooting in temperature ranges of 10° - 15° fahrenheit or lower. These loads not only proved

satisfactory during P&V tests, but their functional reliability in the Auto Mags proved most useful, particularly at the temperatures mentioned. My main reason for this recommendation, being the more easier ignited Blue Dot gave less residue and chamber fouling at these lower temperature ranges than the slower burning ball propellants.

In the process of moving my ballistics laboratory from Shelbyville, Indiana to Roswell, N.M., I was unable to run severe cold weather P&V tests on either the Auto Mag cartridges and/or guns themselves. Consequently, with the assistance of Mr. John C. Delaney, Supervisor of Smokeless Powder Sales of Hercules, Inc., we were able to give the following information to the Auto Mag handloader.

Two tests were run as follows:

14.2 grains Blue Dot w/220 grain Speer JSP bullet was fired at ambient temperatures and the same load was fired at -40° fahrenheit. The -40° fahrenheit load had an increase of 15 f.p.s. velocity with an increase of 1600 c.u.p.'s. The second load was a Speer 225 hollow point, using 18.6 grains of Blue Dot, fired at ambient temperatures, tested alongside the same load fired at -40° fahrenheit. This

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CLUB NEWS



The above photo shows Johnny Adams, age 16, shooting his 6½" .357 AMP to a 6th place overall during the SOUTHWEST PISTOL LEAGUE'S Annual Magnum Pistol Shoot. [See story below]

On April 26, 1975, the Southwest Pistol League held its annual Magnum Pistol Shoot. Those of us present, who like to hunt and shoot with the big mags, were exposed to the latest and definitely the most powerful self-loading hand gun built. John Adams and his son, Johnny, showed up with two of the new .357 Auto Mags. They then proceeded to show us some fine shooting. When John Adams took his long barrel stainless pretty and started shooting, there was no stopping him. The rapid fire sequences on game-type targets, at varying distances, and the running boar target were John's in a walk. Those of us who tried to compete using our revolvers, both single and double action didn't stand a chance. Johnny used his .357 Auto Mag from the prone position and demonstrated its flat shooting accuracy, by shooting our 125 yard bear to pieces. Pretty damn good for a 16 year old.

After the smoke had cleared and

we had regained our hearing, the scores were tallied. John Adams picked up the trophy for first place overall and the trophy for best long-range shooting.

I can't speak for the rest of the mag shooters, but I'm going to take a long look at my thumb-buster .44 and my ability to shoot it.

Bert Stringfellow
southwest pistol league

Editor's Note:

The course of fire for the above mentioned shoot is as follows:

STAGE 1: 6 shots, bear target at 125 yards, 2 seconds per shot. 6 single draws at quartering deer, 85 yards, 5 seconds per draw.

STAGE 2: 6 shots at running pig, 25 yards; pig moves 50 ft. in 6 seconds. This course shot twice for a total of 12 shots.

STAGE 3: 6 targets of various game animals at unknown yardage, 6 shots, 6 seconds. This course fired twice for a total of 12 shots.

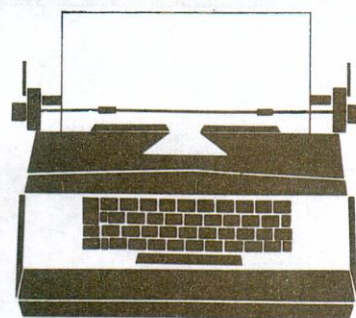
There were 40 plus entries, but only two Auto Mags. John Adams

won overall with an 8½" .357 AMP; son Johnny, age 16 won 6th place overall using a 6½" .357 AMP. The senior Adams also won the long distance trophy for his groups on two long range targets for the day.

The same load was used in both Auto Mags and was as follows: W-W .308 casing, 27.0 grains WW 296, Hornady 115 gr. hollow point; velocity/8½" barreled .357 AMP, 2300 f.p.s.

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Letters



EDITOR:

I have just written to Evan Quiros soliciting his comments about the National handgun Metallic Silhouette Championships. First off. . .September would be ideal as the time of year to hold them here in Tucson. I cannot foresee any real problems in reserving the range, obtaining the silhouettes and letting you pick up where you left off this spring.

Dale and I had a little get together today and proposed the following:

A merger of our two schools of handgun hunting! Pure and simple the idea is this. As you know by now our thoughts about shooting, combat or hunting is that set ranges, distances and courses are not really applicable when it comes to any situation be it a personal combat problem or a situation encountered in the field. As we understand it you want to have the match run along the same lines as

the NRA National Metallic Silhouette Course. . . 75, 100, 150, and 200 meters. Why not combine our courses using the NRA style course and our "surprise" type course with the unknown distances, movement and multiple targets. We feel this would be a super match and really give the competitor his monies worth.

Dutch Snow

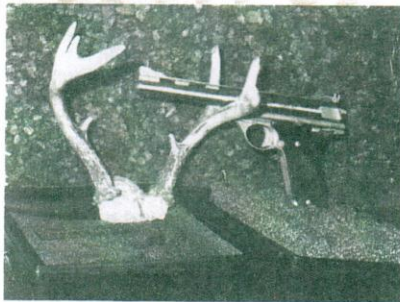
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Editor's note:

Members please make suggestions



Editor:

Just the other day I was talking to Larry from Mag-Na-Port, about having my Auto Mag magnaported. As conversation goes, I told him I got my eight point buck with it last November. Larry questioned if I took any pictures of the deer, I did not, but I did save the rack. Enclosed is a picture of the rack along with the gun. This deer was shot at approximately 60 yards with a 240 grain hand load ammo, which I also do myself. This was a direct heart shot, it broke the ribs and passed through the heart, cracking the ribs on the other side of the deer.

My trophy was witnessed by Mike Jones, Security Manager of Allied Supermarkets, Michigan Division and Ken Storace, Administrative Assistant of the Whal Corp.

Ted Brinkman

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Editor's Note:

Come on members; this is your newsletter. Let's get some pix in.

Editor:

I have just read the letter from John Lisbeth concerning the use of lead bullets in the Auto Mag. I, too, have done some experimenting with lead bullets in my .44 Auto Mag. I use the same bullet, the 429215 with a gas check.

I have used this bullet in my S&W 44 Magnum since 1960. At the time I acquired this weapon, the 429215 was recommended to me by Col. Ellis Lea. I have been extremely well pleased with the performance of this bullet in the .44 Magnum and never had a leading problem.

Since purchasing my .44 Auto Mag. I have done a limited amount of testing with this bullet. Although I am otherwise pleased with it's performance, I continually have a leading problem. I have used straight wheel weights as well as other hardness mixtures and still encounter leading problems. Although I hope to do more experimenting, I have given up the use of lead bullets and have gone to jacketed bullets. I suspect that the use of stainless steel for the barrel may be responsible for the leading, at least in part.

Please publish more letters concerning the use of lead bullets, or put an article concerning the subject in a future issue of the Newsletter.

James C. Sutton, Jr. #0014

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Editor's Note:

I have spoke with Kent Lomont about doing a series on lead bullet loads; I personally use no lead bullets in the Auto Mag. Kent agreed to do a series of articles on lead bullets for the Auto Mag Newsletter starting in September '75.

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Editor:

In cleaning out my files the other day, I found the complete sales packet from Pasadena Auto Mag dated 7/18/70 and the form letter signed by Gerry D. Ognebene. In all, there are seven different pieces

of literature including the full color folder.

There must be someone somewhere who would tell me what it is worth or maybe want to buy it.

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Editor's Note;

Any Comments?

load produced an increase of 19 f.p.s. with an increase of 3100 c.u.p.'s. In neither instance would the maximum c.u.p. average exceed S.A.A.M.I. safe standards. One must agree that the -40° farenheit testing was a rather severe test, and it would be a very rare instance where both gun and ammo would ever be subjected to a temperature of this extreme.

As mentioned in previous issues. I stated in a future issue I would give the tips on tuning Auto Mag magazines for maximum performance. You will find this in the next issue.

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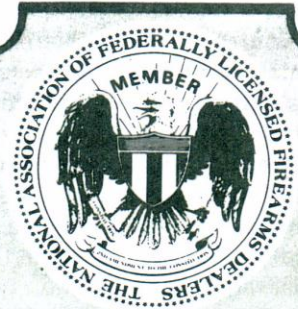
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