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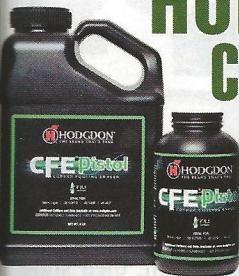
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WICKED GRIPS' SOLO GEM

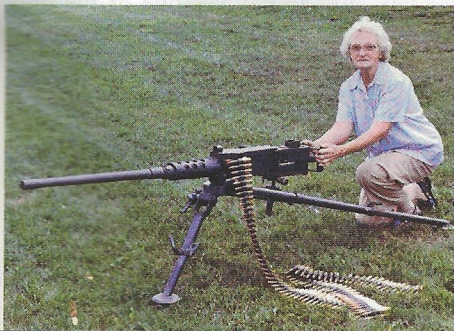
Our friends at Wicked Grips are always pushing the envelope and here's another case. These custom Kimber Solo grips are made of 80 percent reconstituted gemstone (Bloody Basin Jasper) and 20 percent resin, for stability. Hand-crafted, this is just a tiny idea of the kinds of things Wicked Grips has become known for in the industry. Need something out of the ordinary for your favorite handgun? Ed Strange and the gang at Wicked is a go-to source for pushing your own envelope some. *For more info:* www.americanhandgunner.com/wickek-grips

HODGDON CFE PISTOL POWDER



Good news for reloaders here. Hodgdon is introducing their

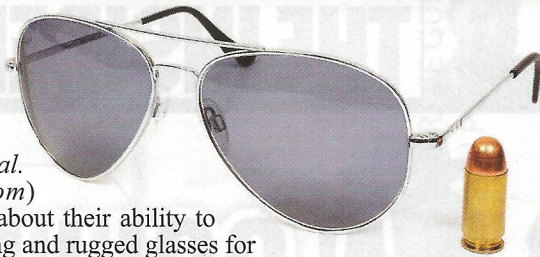
new CFE Pistol powder, a spherical powder that measures beautifully. But the real fun here is the fact it greatly deters copper fouling. Developed for the US's rapid fire military systems, it's right at home with competitors or anyone who shoots a lot. You get less cleaning time, longer periods of top accuracy and minimal muzzle flash. Beginning in December at www.hodgdon.com (in the Reloading Data Center) there will be 103 loads in 37 bullet weights available for 15 pistol cartridges, all using CFE Pistol powder. *For more info:* www.americanhandgunner.com/hodgdon



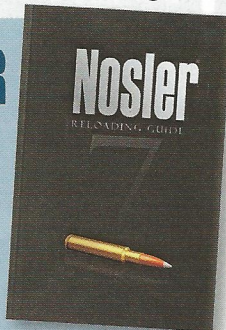
GOOD SHOOTING GLASSES

Kyle Ross, of *SportsOptical.com* (also tacticalrx.com)

reached out to me and told me about their ability to craft a wide range of both sporting and rugged glasses for shooters. You're likely familiar with the "tactical" glasses seen protecting soldiers' and police officers' eyes (and on pro-shooters). *Tacticalrx.com* can custom-tailor your choice of glasses to fit your personal demands. They also have a solid line-up of commercial/consumer name-brand frames they can also adapt to your shooting, hunting or other needs. It's a veteran-owned business and the optics are made on-site to your specific prescription, all done by hand, one at a time. It's like having a custom gun, only they're custom glasses! My test sample (Concorde model, a classic "Aviator" style) showed excellent workmanship, very high quality and the prescription was spot-on. And, they're awfully nice people to work with. *For more info:* www.americanhandgunner.com/tactical-rx, (303) 455-3369



NOSLER GUIDE



With the ammo shortage still going on, reloading (for bulk ammo) and handloading (for accuracy and quality) have become more popular than ever. One of the most important tools anyone who builds their own ammo needs is a good shelf of reloading manuals. I'm fortunate to call the good people at Nosler friends and when they asked me to write the intro to the section on loading the .38 Special, I jumped at the chance. I soon found I was in good company, as FMG's own John Taffin, Clint Smith, John Barsness, Mark Hampton, Dave Anderson, Holt Bodinson and Sam Fadala are also in the book (among other writers), each talking about their own favorite cartridges. This Nosler Guide (No.7) is a delight to read, and gives any shooter a most comprehensive overview of all-things reloading for rifle and handgun. I simply can't recommend it enough! *For more info:* www.americanhandgunner.com/nosler

CLEANO CLEANS AND STUFF

I got a cold-call from a gent named Ed Young. "Roy, you don't know me or my company but I want to fix that." And he did. Ed represents Cleano, a genuine environmentally friendly cleaner that really does what it says. He said they have been selling it to clean helicopters, cars, airplanes and just about anything, and thought it'd be perfect for grungy guns. It's also highly concentrated so, as they say, "You're not having to pay us to ship water in bulk to you." I hadn't thought of that before. The pictured 4 oz. bottle makes 24 ounces of cleaner. It also makes 100 oz. of cleaner that could do your windows! I tried this on grungy guns and it absolutey cleans the carbon, powder fouling, grit and general ephus off. I didn't try it on copper fouling, but I'll bet with some soaking, it would do it. It also de-greased a nasty piece of hydraulic equipment I had too. *For more info:* www.americanhandgunner.com/cleano, (417) 429-5604



THE INSIDER

"MOM LACEY" AND HER .50

Friend Ron Lacey recently sent me this picture of his mom, taken some 25 years ago when she was about 75. Ron said, "I owned this transferable gun for about 10 years and sold it in a fit of insanity. Mom wasn't an avid shooter, but she was a good sport and shot many of my guns over the years, including this one. She found it to be controllable if you practiced with it a bit, but it seemed to scare the neighbors some when she did. She is also the source of any common sense I may have." Mom's are great, aren't they? Thanks Ron. A *Handgunner Hat's-Off* to Mom Lacey!

