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From the President

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“Hawk-encore”

Member Ted Vick sent me a few photographs of a “*One of a kind*” Encore 209 X 50 rifle stock and forend that appeared recently on member Justin Van Dee’s Thompson Center Fan Group site, compliments of a gentleman by the name of Scott Diebold. I am not certain if Mr. Diebold did the work himself, or if he simply made the purchase of this stock and forend set from someone else.

It appears that one very talented individual took the time to fit a brass Hawken butt plate and patch box assembly to the walnut stock of his Encore 209 X 50 muzzle loader, and based on what I can see in the photos, the quality of the fit of these parts and overall finish of the wood appears to be top shelf! Given that this Encore is fitted with a muzzle loader barrel, this small compartment would serve quite nicely to store a projectile and perhaps a couple of pellets.

An acorn shaped brass insert has also been fitted to the forend just beneath the swivel stud. Mr Diebold has been given my contact information and I hope that he will contact me with further details. .

4D Reamer Rentals LTD

Quite a few years ago, I made the purchase of a sweet little 22 inch tapered Encore barrel from the T/C Custom Shop shortly before they closed. This barrel was finished in blue and was chambered for the 357 magnum round, which was never a standard production offering for the Encore.

My plan was to someday mount a scope on this barrel and see if I could wring out a few impressive targets at 50 and 100 yards with some of my favorite 357 Magnum reloads.

The years passed by all too quickly, and I never did make the time to take this little barrel to the range, but every time it entered my mind, I also gave thought to having it opened up so that I could fire a few of my .357 Maximum rounds through it and perhaps put it to good use during the fall deer hunting season



When the .350 Legend round made its debut not too long ago, it served to rekindle my desire to re-chamber this barrel for the 357 Maximum, but I never could seem to decide who I was going to send it to to have the job done, so it sat around for another year or so unfired.

I spend very little time sitting at the computer, except for the time spent compiling articles for the *One Good Shot*, and I rarely if ever make purchases via the use of a computer, but on one particular day, I punched up the topic “*Rent a Reamer*” which I had heard about quite some time back. When the window popped up, I failed to find any company by this exact name, but one of the first ones listed was an outfit by the name of 4D Reamer Rentals so I made the decision to check them out further.

Not only did they rent reamers, but they actually

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had one available for the 357 Maximum for just \$34.00 plus postage. Since I had procrastinated so many times in the past with regards to this project, I decided that now was as good a time as any to press forward with it, otherwise it might never come to be. I typed in all of my information and pressed the **Submit Order** button, and within a few seconds, an

order invoice popped up on my screen detailing all of the particulars.

I was quite surprised when I received an e-mail message the following day telling me that my Reamer had been shipped by Priority mail, and that the expected delivery was to be Saturday. Perhaps even more surprising was the fact that it actually did show up as scheduled at the Post Office around 10 AM on Saturday morning, and the reamer enclosed was indeed correct, and appeared to be brand NEW !

The task was incredibly simple, given that this barrel had already been chambered by T/C for the 357 Magnum. All that was necessary was to remove a small amount of metal at the front of the chamber and the job would be finished. I just needed to pay special attention to that portion of the reamer that is used to cut the rim of the case, allowing it to just ever so lightly made contact with the current rim of the chamber, thus completing the job.

It took me about fifteen minutes to complete the entire operation, and all went as well as planned. I cleaned and lubricated the reamer and repackaged it in its original container. I also typed up a nice thank you letter and enclosed a couple of copies of the One Good Shot in hopes that it might generate a bit of business for both of 4D as well as the TCA, and on Monday morning when the post office reopened, the reamer was on its way back to the company.

I wish that all of my business transactions went as smoothly as this, and I invite you all to give 4D Reamer Rentals a call should you have any future projects that might require their services.

As a bit of a side note to this report It was just a few days following the completion of this long awaited project, that I was sharing my story about my complete satisfaction with the folks at 4D Reamer Rentals with fellow TCA member and ex Thompson / Center Arms employee Brian, who lives but just a couple of miles from my home.

“What did you rent from them ?” He asked ?

“A 357 maximum chamber Reamer” I responded.

“I have one of those plus several others! ” he shot back ***“Any time you need to borrow one just let me know ! “***

Raffle Winner

Member James Keller of Kronenwetter, WI was the lucky winner of our Summer Raffle event which featured the choice of either a Lynx etched or Flatside SSK-50 frame as well as his choice of a grip and forend that was so generously donated to this event in support of the Association once again by Marty at Haus of Arms.



When I called to tell him that he had won, James wasted no time in selecting a flatside model, and he stated that he would give Marty a call to discuss his various grip and forend options.

When Ed and I first discussed the idea of offering one of these SSK-50 frames for the Fall Auction event, we were in hopes that we would have these units in hand to present to the winner by the time the name was drawn several months later. Unfortunately, due to further unforeseen delays, we did not have one of these unit on hand to present to James at the close of this offering, but he was totally understanding with regards to the situation, and had no problem with waiting a bit longer to claim his prize !

Ed and I were also quite amazed by the amount of interest that this Raffle event generated. Knowing that many of you had already placed orders for these frames with Marty back when they were first introduced, we were left to wonder just how many of