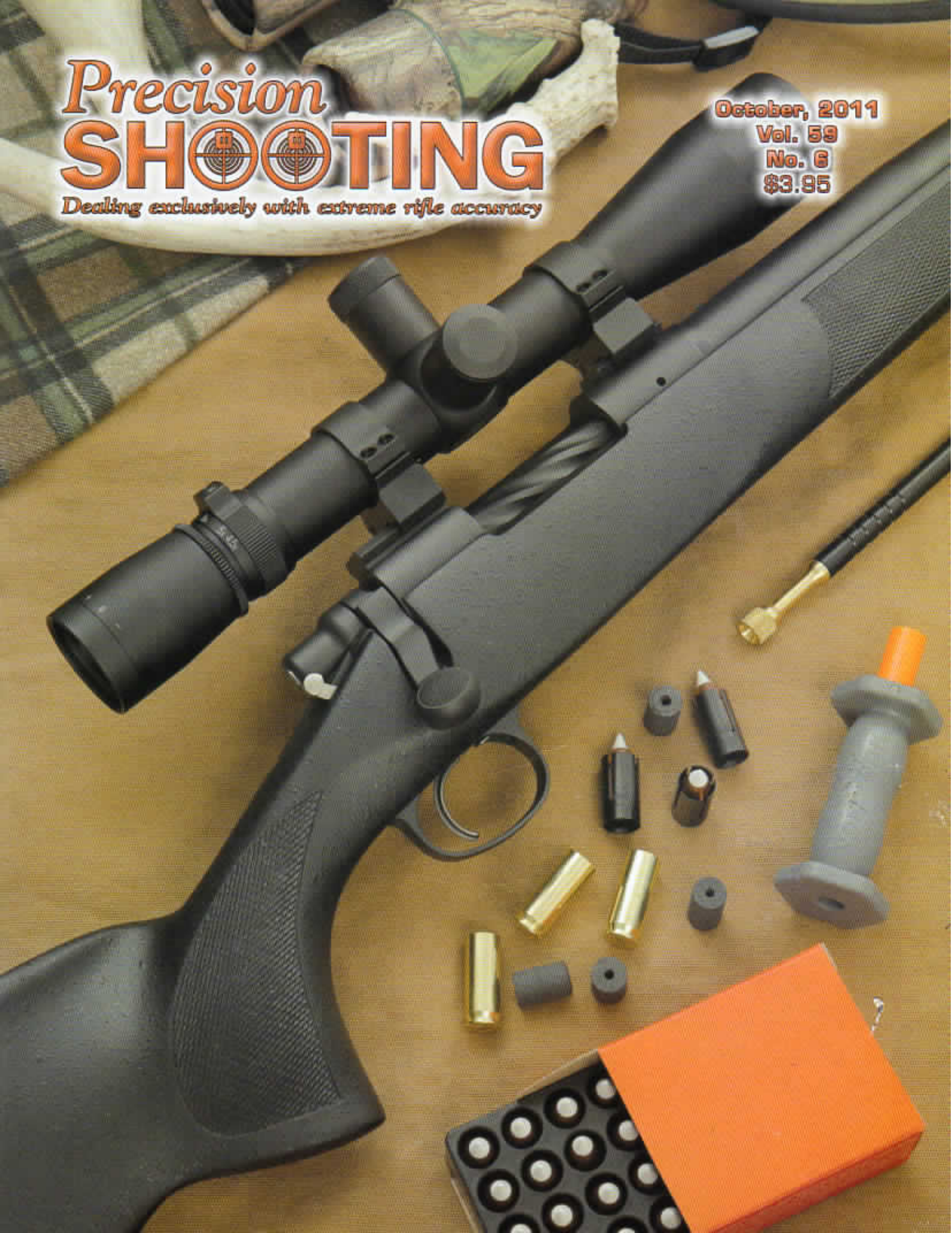


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500-Yard Muzzleloader

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If the capabilities of the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader were compared to an icon of Mythology, it would be likened to "Thor's Ham-

mer" because it strikes like lightning and sounds like thunder. If you want to own an extremely accurate, 500 yard black powder rifle and give yourself the ultimate advantage afield, read every word of this

article. Herein, you will discover the most versatile muzzleloader in the world; no other black powder muzzleloader can even approach the sovereignty of this rifle. Allow me to digress 45 years and set the stage for your introduction to the new and improved Ultimate Firearms 500 Yard Muzzleloader.

When I was eight years old, I rode with my parents from Bradenton to Sarasota, Florida one evening to look at new cars. That night, my Father bought a brand new 1966 Buick Custom Wildcat Coupe with the optional 425 cubic inch V-8 engine and a four barrel carburetor for \$3,700. I remember my Dad saying that his Buick Wildcat "would accelerate from a dead stop so quickly that the oil would slosh to the back of the oil pan and cause the low oil caution light to illuminate." A '66 Wildcat was fast, and in the vernacular of the Deep South, it would "haul buggy."

Twenty one years later in 1987, Buick built 547 Turbo GNX's. As far as I am concerned, the Buick GNX is merely a new and improved Custom Wildcat Coupe. The Buick GNX would accelerate from 0-60



Ken Johnston (left), and Bob Hodgdon, President of Hodgdon Powder Co. after Ken's Induction into the SCI International Muzzleloader Hall of Fame.

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mph in 4.7 seconds, 0-100 mph in 12.9 seconds and run the quarter mile in 13.4 seconds at a top speed of 104 mph. The Buick GNX is my dream machine. Since 1966, I have been fascinated by high performance wildcats and their speed.

Within our extreme rifle accuracy fraternity, wildcats are developed to improve upon the ballistics of a standard commercial cartridge; that usually means more power and more speed.

In 2007, I discovered just such a wildcat known for its peerless power and speed. I contend that this entire rifle, the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader, which is well known for its power and speed, truly meets

the criteria to be crowned as a "wildcat."

In comparison, the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader is to hunting rifles what the MV-22B Osprey is to Helicopters. The MV-22B Osprey is a revolutionary aircraft that easily outperforms the old CH-46 Sea Knight Helicopter that it replaced. The MV-22B has a much greater performance envelope (range, power, speed, versatility, etc) than the Boeing-Vertol CH-46 Sea Knight. I know first hand, I have over 2,200 accident free flight hours as a CH-46 Command Pilot. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) used to separate aircraft in four basic categories; Airplanes, Gliders, Lighter than Air (Balloons & Dirigibles), and Rotorcraft (Helicopters & Gyrocopters). The unique design features of the MV-22B Osprey established a new fifth category of aircraft called "Tilt-Rotors." Like the MV-22B Osprey, the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader's greater power, speed, range and accuracy have placed it into the solitude of a category of its own.

Clearly, Ultimate Firearms rifles are revolutionary in nature, not merely an evolutionary change to the masses of antique-style muzzleloaders that still have an exposed hammer that strikes an exposed corrosive fulminate of mercury percussion cap...exactly like the British Brown Bess used in 1842. Like the invention of the metallic cartridge around 1852, Ken Johnston's patented breach plug ignition system will make you question why no one duplicated the idea 150 years ago. The creative design of Ken's primer breach plug makes it very safe, 100% reliable, easy to clean, much more powerful and extremely accurate at ranges beyond 500 yards. Over the past four years, numerous technical improvements have been made to these rifles by Master Riflesmith Ken Johnston. They now



Nick Johnston's majestic Red Stag and Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader.



Ken Johnston, Inventor of the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader, with his huge Black Bear and guides.

exceed the performance of all other blackpowder muzzleloaders by a considerable measure. Ken Johnston's handmade precision rifles outperform all other black powder muzzleloaders and are, like the MV-22 Tilt Rotor, in a peerless new category of their own. If you are one of the many shooters (like me) who consider P.O. Ackley's wildcat improvements to the .280 Remington to be the Genesis of Deer Rifle excellence, then you will likely consider Ken Johnston's Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader to be the Revelation of muzzleloader perfection. These hand made black powder rifles perform to an elevated level where the modern science of ballistics and extreme long range accuracy overlap.

In January of 2010, I attended the Safari Club International (SCI) Hunters Convention in Reno, Nevada. If you haven't attended the SCI Show, I highly recommend that you take the time to attend. It's like heaven for hunters; I had a great time and learned a lot. I attended a featured seminar conducted by Ken Johnston, President of Ultimate Firearms. Ken spoke about the technological advancements in modern muzzleloaders. After the seminar was complete, Ken Johnston was named the 26th Inductee into The International Muzzleloading Hunting Chapter of Safari Club International Hall of Fame. Part of Ken Johnston's Hall of Fame Citation reads, "...for exceptional prominence in the muzzleloading community and accomplishing levels of achievement far above the standard" and recognizes the uniqueness of his clever invention. Clearly, Ken's invention of this muzzleloader and its ingenious ignition system alone places him on a level well above ordinary range limited muzzleloaders. The next morning, I attended the hunting seminar conducted by TV celebrity and Professional

Hunter Jim Shockey after which Jim was named the 27th Inductee into the International Muzzleloading Hunting Chapter of Safari Club International Hall of Fame. I am a huge fan of Jim Shockey he has done more to promote hunting and muzzleloaders than anyone I know of in history. While watching Jim's show on TV, I once heard him say, "When you hunt with a weapon with a limited range capability, you have to get used to disappointment." Therefore, I have chosen not to hunt with a short range weapon

and thereby eliminated that disappointment from my days afield by hunting with Ken Johnston's Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader.

One of Ken Johnston's handmade muzzleloaders is the undisputed NRA-NMLRA **National Champion**. The father and son team of Harry and Tim Marsh from Stanton, Kentucky have dominated the muzzleloading rifle matches at the NRA range at Camp Perry and the NMLRA range

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Deadeye Kentucky Marksmen...Harry (left) and Tim Marsh, NMLRA National Champion, with their Ultimate Firearms Match Rifles.

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in Friendship, Indiana for many years. Tim Marsh has won the Unlimited Class at the National Rifle Association (NRA) – National Muzzleloading Rifle Association (NMLRA) National Championship matches the last four consecutive years competing with his Ultimate Firearms "Match" Muzzleloader. Via Tim Marsh's multiple National Championships, it's proven itself as

the most accurate black powder Match Rifle in the world. Tim told me, "My father and I have shot nearly every muzzleloader made by the firearms industry. We have set or broken about 110 National records. Once we came on board with the Ultimate Firearms Team, it was then that we found out what all the talk was about. It is by far the most user-friendly muzzleloader ever made... period. The extreme accuracy of these rifles is by far the best of the best. When the bullet does not go through the same hole, I know it was my fault because it

will punch holes through holes all day every day with light or heavy loads. Also, I can clean my rifle in under a minute, they are the most impressive muzzleloading rifles ever made. I know, I've shot em' all and competed with most of them over the past 20 years. I've been shooting muzzleloaders since I was about five years old. When my dad and I go deer hunting, we just switch our match rifles into our field stocks."

The Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader is currently available in four different improved models; the **Hunter**, the **Black Widow**, (my favorite) the **Stealth**, and the **Custom Model**. Each one has different features, but all four have the same stainless steel Remington 700 action and match quality stainless steel Lothar-Walther barrel. All four models display tack driving accuracy. An ingenious patented breach plug is precision fit into their stainless Remington 700 bolt action receiver. The rifle is primed by chambering a .45 Winchester Magnum pistol case over the breach plug. I seat Federal 215 Match large rifle magnum primers in my primer cases for use in my Stealth Model rifle. If you refer to the February 2011 issue of *Precision Shooting* (pages 30-35), the article entitled "High Speed Measurement of Rifle Primer Blast Waves" by Doctors Michael and Amy Courtney (both are PhD's in Physics) points out that the Federal 215 Match primer has the smallest standard pressure deviation (only 5%) of all the primers tested. At 552.7 psi, the Federal 215 Match primer has roughly 2.5 times more pressure than a Federal 205 Match primer which tested at 208 psi. A percussion cap creates much less pressure and limits the power and accuracy of ordinary muzzleloaders. In contrast, the Ultimate Firearms patented breach plug design is the heart of



My 15 Point 167^{5/8}" Boone & Crockett Virginia Whitetail taken at 320 yards with my Ultimate Firearms Stealth Model Muzzleloader.

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all four of Ken Johnston's match quality rifles. The breach plug funnels the hot magnum primer gases at over 21,600 fps directly into the 180-200 grains of black powder (Hodgdon Triple 7 Magnum or Pyrodex pellets) causing a clean burning explosion that creates chamber pressures around 54,000 psi. This technically superior ignition design uses a non-corrosive lead styfmate/lead azide large rifle magnum primer that creates much higher pressure than a conventional corrosive fulminate of mercury percussion cap. This primer causes a high order detonation and the black powder burns in the first 9" of bullet travel. The resultant pressure from 200 grains of Pyrodex launches a 275 grain Fury bullet out the muzzle at 2370 fps. That's 700 fps faster than almost every other black powder muzzleloader on the market. The receiver is a special ordered 416R stainless steel single shot Remington 700 action with a custom tuned X-Mark Pro trigger. The superior quality barrel is the next factor to its extreme accuracy. The Remington 700 action is custom fit to a new LW-50 stainless steel button rifled match quality Lothar-Walther barrel. Since July of 1925, Lothar-Walther has been manufacturing high quality button-rifled barrels. Their modern facility in Koenigsbronn, Germany is reputed to have the most precise deep barrel drilling machines in the world. This is located west of the Black Forest region of Germany where most of my family immigrated from in the late 1750's. This new proprietary LW-50 stainless steel is measurably harder on the Rockwell Scale and more durable than 416R stainless steel. LW-50 requires expensive tungsten carbide cutting tools to machine it. One of its benefits includes 50% more barrel life. The Ultimate Firearms .50 caliber hand lapped bore has a right hand

1-in-26" twist rate with six grooves between six lands. A bullet weighing over 500 grains can be expected to stabilize. However, for optimal 500+ yard accuracy, the rifle performs best when loaded with .45 caliber bullets weighing from 270 to 300 grains in sabots. Barrels finished from 22" to 26" with or without the custom muzzle brake are available via custom order. The Hunter Model is the least expensive. The Black Widow model comes with a custom McMillan Lazzeroni Sporter or Lazzeroni Thumbhole stock, fluted bolt, fluted barrel, custom muzzle brake, and a durable matte black all weather Cerakote finish. The Stealth Model has some of the features of the Black Widow, but is slightly lighter due to its carbon fiber wrapped barrel and Kevlar graphite synthetic stock. Almost any combinations of the features of the first three models are available in Ken's Custom Model rifle including pillar bedded high grade walnut stocks. Additional improvements include the following available options: special McMillan stocks in several styles, Arnold Jewell, Timney and Rifle Basix triggers, lightened fluted bolts, precision crowned fluted barrels, carbon fiber wrapped stainless barrels, a Cerakote all-weather finish, a unique multi-ported muzzle brake that aids loading and reduces recoil by more than 30% and eliminates muzzle jump. The bottom line to all Ultimate Firearms rifles is that each one is handmade, one at a time, to the exact custom specifications of the customer. Ultimate Firearms is a master distributor for Leupold scopes and most clients order a Leupold Mark IV Tactical 3.5-10 X 40mm scope with a custom ballistic turret that matches the trajectory of the high power hunting load and a scope mount suitable for long range shooting. Other scopes are

available on request, but I can tell you that the best buy is the Leupold Mark IV with the custom ballistic turret. Basically, you dial in the range to your target, place the reticle where you want the bullet to impact, and Shazam; you are capable of tagging big game out past 500

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yards. I have done it in the field from 320 yards while bracing my Stealth Model rifle against a round hay bale. Truly, this precision long range rifle package works like a champ.

What improvements and features separate the Ultimate Firearms rifle from ordinary muzzleloaders? First, this rifle is extremely safe. In my opinion, these rifles are the safest muzzleloaders available...period. Unlike most in-line muzzleloaders, the primer and ignition system is fully enclosed in three rings of stainless steel with the Remington 700 action. This safety feature eliminates blinding eye injuries caused by fragments of split percussion caps and high pressure blow back gases that are common to most muzzleloaders. Safety is further enhanced by another device patented by Ken called the **Pack Jack**. Safety Management is my business, I recently worked as a Safety Supervisor for the construction of the TransCanada Keystone Crude Oil Pipeline from the Canadian border with North Dakota south to Cushing, Oklahoma. I am always looking for ways to identify and eliminate hazards, avoid damage to equipment and prevent all injuries. Unsafe practices are unacceptable to me. Investing in safety will make potentially dangerous situations less dangerous by eliminating every hazard you can. The Pack Jack's cylindrical hand grip is designed to move your hand out of alignment with the bore. The old style T-handle on the end of your ram rod puts your hand right in line with the bore. On one end, the Pack Jack has a precision cut bullet starter shaped to fit the pointed Fury Bullets made for these ri-

fles. It also fits blunt or hollow point bullets. On the other end, the Pack Jack has an internal pocket spring loaded to 40 psi so you can seat your powder consistently. Using a Pack Jack, your shot to shot accuracy will improve especially if you load loose powder. Packing gunpowder is inherently dangerous. Using a Pack Jack may prevent a terrible hand injury if a powder charge detonates during a quick reload from a hot cinder inside the barrel. The Pack Jack is a no-brainer must-have safety item no matter what kind of muzzleloader you use. Pack Jack's are inexpensive at \$25; they make great Christmas gifts. There is a dealer package price for those who wish to sell this ingenious device in their stores, you get a baker's dozen of Pack Jacks at a considerable discount. For the sake of safety, I'd really like to see the Pack Jack replace the T-handle world wide. You can help by giving your friends, who hunt with muzzleloaders, a Pack Jack for Christmas.

Second, it is the most reliable muzzleloader made. The enclosed breach plug design guarantees this rifle will not misfire when hunting in wet weather. I just can't stand the awkward surprise and utter disappointment of a misfire. If I had tagged every Buck that my old muzzleloader misfired on in wet conditions, I would have a few more big Whitetails in my den. Reliability is not just a convenience; it may save your hunt or your rear end. This safety feature is critically important to hunters, especially if one is chasing dangerous game. Every time you pull the trigger on these all-weather muzzleloaders in the rain...it goes BOOM!

Third, it is the most accurate black powder muzzleloader on the market. It clearly outperforms all other muzzleloaders and has a maximum effective range beyond 500

yards. In April of 2007, I shot a three shot group with an Ultimate Firearms rifle at 500 yards that measured a mere 1.25" during the practice session at the Groundhog & Egg Shoot in North Carolina with six witnesses. A steady crosswind had blown all three shots 21" to the right on someone else's practice target. I had aimed directly at my target without any compensation to verify the wind drift at that range. My ballistics program verified the drift was correct for a 12 mph wind. The internal firing pin mechanism in a Remington 700 action is over 100 years more modern than the exposed hammer mechanism associated with most other muzzleloaders. The Remington 700 action has the fastest lock time at 3 milliseconds. An antiquated muzzleloader with an exposed hammer and an exposed corrosive primer is much less safe, requires a noisy game-spooking click to cock it, and has a much slower lock time than the Remington 700's enclosed internal firing pin mechanism. A rifle with an exposed hammer is inherently less accurate. This is no surprise since an exposed hammer percussion cap ignition system is based on 181 year old technology. The corrosive fulminate of mercury percussion cap was invented around 1830. Gunsmiths finally broke the code and abandoned exposed hammers on side-by-side shotguns for the first time in the late 1800's in order to adopt the modernized internal firing pin mechanism. In case you're not keeping track that was over 130 years ago.

Fourth, Hodgdon Powder Company has recently made improvements to their black powder pellets. Previously, I loaded my rifle with four 50 grain Hodgdon Pyrodex pellets. I now load three 60 grain Hodgdon Triple Seven Magnum pellets. The improved Triple Seven Magnum black powder is so consis-

tent through my chronograph that I have charted standard deviations in velocity of only 7 fps. For the same reason, I have switched to Hodgdon Extreme gunpowder for all my centerfire rifles. Recently, I fired a five shot group that chronographed a standard deviation in velocity of only 4 fps. Using the Pack Jack helps keep my extreme spread very low. Best of all, I am still getting average muzzle velocities over 2283 fps and my 300 yard accuracy has improved slightly. My rifle performs well with all the other Hodgdon black powders.

Fifth, it is by far the easiest

muzzleloader to clean. The special sabot that comes with the Ultimate Firearms Fury Bullets requires no Bore Butter for lubrication. The absence of Bore Butter makes this rifle more consistent and extremely easy to clean. Bore Butter is especially ruinous to accuracy in sub-freezing weather conditions... something most shooters fail to consider. A secondary benefit from the controlled ignition of the Hodgdon Triple Seven Magnum black powder in an Ultimate

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The versatility of a wide range of different loads and the consistent extreme accuracy of the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader is confirmed by this list of loads that can be used for many different applications in the field:

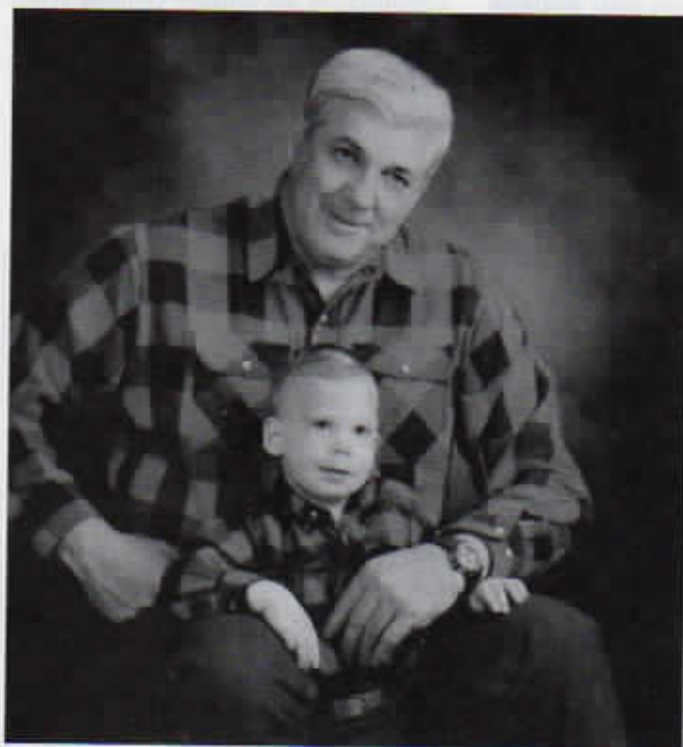
Weight of Bullet	Amount-Type Powder	Velocity	Accuracy@100 yards
1. 275 gr. UF Fury	2x50gr Pyrodex Pellets	1876 fps	.426"
* This is a 1/2 MOA load at 100 yards with lower recoil for a small shooter.			
2. 275 gr. UF Fury	2x60gr Triple 7 Magnum	2040 fps	.628"
* This is a superb close range "Treestand Load" for Deer.			
3. 275 gr. UF Fury	3x50gr Pyrodex Pellets Or 3x50gr White Hots	2050 fps	.675"
* Great Medium load.			
4. 300 gr. Hornady SST	3x60gr Triple 7 Magnum	2270 fps	.876"
* A superb general hunting load, especially good load for wild hogs.			
5. 275 gr. UF Fury	3x60gr Triple 7 Magnum	2283 fps	.537"
* This is the new load I use for Deer hunting.			
6. 290 gr. Barnes FB	3x60gr Triple 7 Magnum	2262 fps	.707"
* This is a superb hunting load for big game.			
7. 275 gr. UF Fury	4x50gr Pyrodex Pellets	2370 fps	.627"
* The hunting load I used to tag my 167 5/8" Boone & Crockett Virginia Whitetail at 320 yards with my custom lightweight Titanium Stealth Model rifle. This is also the long range load that grouped 3 shots into 1.25" at 500 yards from a Hunter model rifle.			
8. 275 gr. UF Fury	4x50gr Triple 7 50/50 Pellets	2365 fps	Unknown
* This is the load that Glenda Grainger used to kill her 236" Boone & Crockett Whitetail and Jeff Eaton's favorite hunting load for big Whitetails at Timberghost.			
9. 300 gr. Hornady SST	4x50gr Pyrodex Pellets	2350 fps	.605"
* This is a superb hunting load for all big game...especially wild hogs and bears.			
10. 325 gr. Hornady Flex	3x60gr Triple 7 Magnum	2150 fps	.945"
* This is a superb wild hog and bear stopping load.			
11. 338 gr. Power Belt Platinum	150gr Triple 7 50/50	2137 fps	<MOA
* This is the "Colorado Load" where they require a hunter to use loose powder and iron sights. Accuracy is more dependent on the shooter's skill using iron sights.			

Safety note: Do not exceed 200 grains of black powder and do not use smokeless powder in the Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader. Use only black powder such as Hodgdon's Pyrodex, Triple 7 50/50, and Triple 7 Magnum (red box).

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Firearms rifle is that the residue left in the barrel is minimal, resembles a fine baby powder and swabs out easily. Generally, swabbing the bore with both sides of two patches will clean it in less than a minute. This rifle requires no hot water and eliminates that messy process



Ken Johnston, President of Ultimate Firearms, with his grandson and hunting partner, Nick (at age 2).

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common to most muzzleloaders.

Sixth, the real measure of any hunting rifle is how it actually performs in the field. Over 70 big game animals, many of them Trophy Elk, have been tagged beyond 500 yards with Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloaders. I tagged the biggest Whitetail buck of my lifetime thus far at 320 yards with my lightweight Stealth Model rifle. What else do I need to say to support this point?

A few testimonials will illustrate the true advantage that a Hunter has when they own one of these 500 yard rifles. Ken Johnston's hunting partner is his grandson, Nick. Nick Johnston was named by the Mid-Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International as the Youth Muzzleloader Hunter of the Year for 2009 and the Muzzleloader Hunter of the Year for both 2009 and 2010. In the span of 14 months, Nick has tagged two big elk, a 2486 lb American bison, a record book Red stag, a Himalayan Tahr, a record book South Pacific wapiti (a sub-species of elk), and five big Whitetail bucks (1 over 160", 4 over 150", 1 over 140" in Iowa and Michigan). Nick hunts with a custom Black Widow Model with a custom Remington 700 stainless single shot action, a fluted bolt, a 26" Lothar-Walther stainless steel fluted barrel equipped with a muzzle brake, a custom McMillan stock, a Timney trigger set at 2.5 lbs, and a Leupold Mark IV 4.5-14X40 with ballistic turret from the Leupold custom shop. Nick told me, "When my grandfather, Ken Johnston, and I were in New Zealand in 2009, we were in for a big surprise. The scenery was magnificent. The snow capped mountains and lush lowlands were beyond description. I headed toward the mountains with my Guide carrying only my Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader to hunt for Himalayan Tahr. Eventually, we stalked up to within 300 yards of a group of Tahr. I was positioned on a small, ice-covered patch of ground with my guide overlooking the mountainside. As the huge Tahr descended the steep and treacherous rock strewn mountainside, I took aim with my Leupold Mark IV. I quietly released the safety on my Black Widow and gently squeezed the trigger with the scope reticle rock steady on the Himalayan Tahr's front shoulder. The Tahr dropped right there. Watching my Tahr tumble down the mountain side sent my heart beating three times faster than normal knowing that I had to go after it. My adrenalin ran sky high upon seeing my huge majestic Himalayan Tahr. While we were hunting in New Zealand, I also tagged a record book South Pacific wapiti and a huge Red stag. Without this amazing rifle, I would not have been able to do any of this. My Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader is a superb rifle; it packs all the power I need afield and hits right on the target."

Brenda Valentine, the First Lady of Hunting, told

me, "I've killed a pile of big game with my Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloader." Brenda's Muzzleloader is an ultralight Stealth Model with a carbon fiber wrapped Lothar-Walther barrel like mine. In a recent email to me, Brenda wrote, "I've influenced several of my friends to buy them once they saw what mine will do. All the cameramen I work with call it 'The Beast' for a variety of reasons, but mostly because it is so deadly and makes such a roar." Brenda tagged a huge White-tail on video in Kansas with her Stealth Model rifle. Brenda's Kansas hunt has been televised over 20 times on Versus TV and The Outdoor Channel; perhaps you've seen it.

Allen Shearer may have set another World Record with his Ultimate Firearms Rifle. After killing the official World Record Roosevelt elk with his rifle in 2009, Allen may now have the new World Record Rocky Mountain elk by muzzleloader. Allen recently tagged a giant Bull elk on the Wallahpie Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Bob Foulkrod, a well known Hunter seen frequently on The Out-

door Channel, hunts with a Stealth Model rifle with a muzzlebreak that is mounted with a Leupold Mark IV scope similar to Brenda Valentine's rifle. Hank Parker and his sons hunt with Ultimate Firearms Muzzleloaders. All three have killed impressive deer and elk with their rifles.

Glenda Grainger recently bagged a majestic Whitetail buck that

scored over 236" Boone & Crockett at 80 yards while hunting with Scott Nabers and Jeff Eaton on the 1500 acre Timberghost Preserve near Burlington, Iowa. I'm certain that you will agree the photograph of Glenda and her trophy class White-tail is truly "worth a thousand

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Mrs. Brenda Valentine, the First Lady of Hunting, with her Ultimate Firearms Stealth Model Muzzleloader and big Kansas Whitetail.



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words"...absolutely gorgeous! Her gigantic buck looks great too. Glenda was hunting with Jeff Eaton's Ultimate Firearms Custom Model rifle. Mike Hine, a Guide at Timberghost, told me, "It's the most accurate muzzleloader I've ever shot, mine groups three shots into 1.1" at 200 yards. It's also very dependable; there are no misfires with these rifles." Jeff Eaton told me, "Glenda was hunting with my rifle and she handled the recoil of 200 grains of Triple 7 50/50 with no problem."

On the seventh day of the 2010 muzzleloader season for Whitetails in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, the Rut was nearing its peak. Mike Nixon, a lifelong hunting partner of mine, and I quietly slipped into our hunting spots just before a beautiful November sunrise. The hunting conditions were

perfect. To make a long story short, a 220+ lb buck followed a doe into a brushy clear cut on the side of the mountain about 400 yards from me. After coming another 100 yards closer, he turned and began following the doe back up the mountain. If I were going to tag the buck, it was decision time...now or never. At a range of 320 yards, I snicked off the safety, aligned the graduated reticle in my scope on the buck's ribcage and gently squeezed the trigger. My lightweight muzzleloader roared...BOOM...as the trigger's surprise break caused my rifle to jab my right shoulder like a boxer. As the mist of smoke cleared, my hunt was over. I had dropped the biggest Whitetail buck of my lifetime. Three months later, I entered my buck in the Virginia State big buck contest. I was blessed to win first place in the non-typical class with a gross score of 171+" and a net score of 167 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". The bottom line is this; I believe that no other black powder muzzleloader could have made

such a long range shot. Thanks to Ken Johnston's unique rifle, I tagged the biggest buck of my lifetime thus far. Face it, the Rut is our best opportunity to harvest trophy size bucks. Since the Rut occurs like clockwork in early November during the first muzzleloader season here in central Virginia, my Ultimate Firearms Stealth Model rifle is the most important hunting rifle I own. In my opinion, it's like buying a \$2500 March competition scope from Mr. Kelbly for your benchrest rifle; the resultant improvement in performance justifies the expense. I would not sell my Ultimate Firearms Stealth Muzzleloader for \$10,000. Owning a muzzleloader that will perform at 500 yards on par with a custom center-fire rifle does more than justify its expense to me. It's an investment that makes the other pile of cash I spend on hunting go much further towards tagging big bucks. Considering the total value of the vacation time and cash I spend annually on deer hunting, buying a custom all-weather muzzleloader with a 500 yard effective range is really a wise investment.

In conclusion, these muzzleloaders are the safest, most reliable, most versatile, most powerful, easiest to clean, and by far, the most accurate long range all-weather muzzleloading rifle in the world. Its effective range on deer, elk and moose exceeds 500 yards. This rifle gives a hunter the long range performance of an extremely accurate centerfire rifle. This capability is a distinct advantage for hunters from Mid-western states (Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, etc) who are restricted to deer hunting only with a muzzleloader or shotgun. Unlike some custom rifle makers, Ken Johnston can deliver



Miss Glenda Grainger and her 236" Boone & Crockett Whitetail taken at Timberghost in Iowa with an Ultimate Firearms Custom Muzzleloader.

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most orders within 30 days. If you want one of these muzzleloaders, don't delay placing your order though if you want to hunt with one this season. For the sake of safety, don't forget to order a Pack Jack or two; they make superb Christmas gifts. I believe these custom muzzleloaders will be highly collectable in the future because of their unique patented ignition system,

very limited production and superior long range accuracy. Just like Nick Johnston, your Grandson will cherish the fact that you made the wise investment of buying one of these custom hand made Ultimate Firearms Hall of Fame 500 Yard Muzzleloaders. I am glad I have one! — Jungle Jim Scott

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