DSC Executive Director Corey Mason recently attended the inaugural Custodians of Professional Hunting & Conservation South Africa (CPHC-SA) Annual General Meeting at Zulu Nyala Country Manor in South Africa. DSC joins CPHC as an international partner and a critical supporter as they came together this past year.

CPHC-SA’s mission is to “promote ethical and responsible hunting; demonstrate and enhance conservation and ecologically sustainable development through the responsible use of natural resources in order to ensure that South Africa’s biodiversity and conservation heritage is protected for the benefit of present and future generations; and to enhance and promote the contribution of professional hunting to the livelihood and socio-economic development of all South Africans.”

DSC Executive Director Corey Mason presented at the Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA) Annual General Meeting in Windhoek, Namibia.

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Bench made sterling heirlooms designed to be handed down for generations.
DSC 100, 
Then and Now

Sherrie Lewis, widow of Past President Jim Lewis, dropped by the office the other day, and remarked that the DSC 100 is so big now. She said, “We used to be 17 who did the work of 100!” What titans those early DSC 100 folks were! You bet they did the work of 100 people, and then some. As the show grew, so did the volunteer base. And good thing too because the show is more complex now, with more moving parts than ever. The DSC 100 has evolved into the “400-500 people who give 100 percent.”

The DSC 100 remains strong because of the personal touch each and every one of its members gives to their work. Whether it’s helping lift heavy things, directing traffic and greeting exhibitors, setting up signs in hallways, answering countless questions at the front desk and concierge, or walking the show floor for management and security – the DSC 100 keeps going and going and going.

The disadvantage of nearly 500 volunteers is that not everyone knows everyone, like it was in those early days. But with returning volunteers like Sherrie and new ones coming on board every year, the opportunity to meet someone and forge lasting friendships is ever present.

This issue of Camp Talk will arrive in mailboxes during show week, mostly, so it’s likely that the volunteers working the show won’t see it until they return home to recover. To those people, I say a hearty “job well done!” and to those of you who didn’t or couldn’t volunteer for the convention, give it a try in 2020! You will be amazed at how much you will enjoy all that hard work. (As a warm-up, the S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza always needs volunteers.)

As 2019 cranks up, make plans to be more active in the club, bring a friend to a meeting, renew your membership, submit an article, enter the photo contest, and get involved. Once you do, you will then really have a chance to see what DSC is all about.
Since receiving its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in summer 2016, DSC Foundation has made over $3 million dollars in grants in support of the DSC mission and has reached millions of people around the world.

**In Africa**

One of the DSC Foundation’s most successful grant initiatives has been our support of the Zambezi Delta Anti-Poaching Unit in the African country of Mozambique. The Foundation has provided funds for helicopter patrol, equipment and training of the anti poaching unit. PH Mark Haldane said, “Keeping our 22-man anti poaching unit in the field, including our helicopter patrol and motorcycle squad, would be impossible without the Foundation. That support is the true heartbeat of our anti-poaching efforts.”

Since Mozambique’s civil war when buffalo numbers had plummeted to 1,200, the population today stands at 24,000, increasing by roughly 2,000 a year.

In Zimbabwe, Charlton/McCallum Safaris’s anti-poaching initiative DAPU (Dande Anti-Poaching Unit), operates in the famed lower Zambezi Valley. DSC Foundation funds have provided a new anti-poaching vehicle, upgraded equipment and clean drinking water for anti-poaching units and supporting Zimbabwe Parks personnel.

In 2018, DSC Foundation issued a grant to Namibia’s Game Products Trust Fund for the protection of Namibia’s black rhino population. DSC and The Foundation have donated over $600,000 dollars to support the country’s wildly successful Black Rhino Management Program. Over a 20-year period, the program has resulted in the doubling of the black rhino population in Namibia, considered on an international level as one of wildlife conservations greatest success stories.

**In North America**

Partnering the Wild Sheep Foundation, one of world’s leading conservation organizations, the Foundation fully funded the 2018 Roundtable Summit meeting in Sonora, Mexico. The purpose of which was to identify challenges and solutions for successfully restoring and managing free ranging Desert bighorn sheep in Sonora. In addition, we supported the Westside sheep restoration project, the La Guarida rainwater project and the El Sierra Alamo rainwater project.

In Texas, the Foundation funded a guzzler project to help sustain Desert bighorn sheep in the mountains of west Texas.

DSC also provided the initial funding and continues to support The Wild Harvest Initiative conducted by Conservation Visions. This multi-year program is designed to measure and analyze the biomass of wild animal protein harvested in the U.S. and Canada and to assess its nutritional and economic value. This project will provide critical scientific data to highlight one of the primary benefits of legal and regulated sport hunting.

DSC Foundation continues DSC’s support of youth outdoor education through grants to the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation and the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge. The Outdoor Adventures curriculum reaches middle and across the U.S. (See related article on page 4.) NRA’s Youth Hunter Education Program has served over 1.2 million youths since its inception in 1985, with the simple purpose of passing on America’s hunting and shooting heritage to the next generation.
**In Cyberspace**

DSCF has also taken a major role in creating a multi-faceted messaging campaign to educate the public – both hunting and non-hunting – about the benefits of big game hunting and value that hunting brings to local communities, both at home and abroad. Through our television partnerships, and aggressive social media messaging, our presence, and partnerships are now enjoying global interest and recognition.

Two videos merit special acknowledgment as both prime examples of the value of compelling content and the broad impact of social media. These groundbreaking productions have been viewed in excess of one million times.

Ackerman-McQueen produced a video featuring Marina Lamprecht that tells the story of Hunters Namibia Safaris and the benefits to wildlife and the local community provided by her operation.

Safari Classics Productions created a spectacular short film entitled *The Unheard Voice*, which describes the benefits of sport hunting in Africa through the eyes of the rural community that live alongside Africa’s wildlife.

As 2019 begins, we have much to celebrate as we continue our commitment to these, and other equally outstanding programs such as those DSCF-supported programs with The Southern African Wildlife College, Conservation Force, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and the Texas A&M Foundation.

We invite you to become a regular visitor to our social media such as the DSC Foundation Website, Facebook page and Instagram platform. Visit www.dscf.org or call 972-851-9171 to make a difference.
Chapter Gets Kids Outdoors and Hunting

BY COREY GOSS, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

As part of the Heartland DSC hunter education certification class held during summer 2018, students were given the opportunity to apply for hunts provided by Heartland DSC. Students who successfully completed the course submitted an application with a short essay explaining why they should be chosen. Eleven-year old Britton’s essay expressed his interest in hunting and the outdoors even though he had never had an opportunity to hunt. The closest he came to hunting was helping his grandfather rid the pond of a troublemaking beaver. Britton was very excited when he was told that he was awarded a waterfowl hunt for himself and his father, a single dad, arranged by Heartland DSC. The hunt was from a comfortable heated blind on private wetlands with two Heartland DSC representatives.

When the day came for the hunt, it was a chilly and rainy day, but Britton was not deterred as he trudged to the blind for his first hunt ever. He listened attentively as he learned about waterfowl habits and hunting techniques, not to mention the normal duck blind banter that takes place over breakfast cooked in a blind while searching the sky for birds. While ducks did their part in providing plenty of excitement by working the decoys throughout the day and with Britton getting the opportunity to shoot, he didn’t harvest his first bird on this trip.

Nonetheless, every time his dad asked him if he was ready to leave, he asked if he could stay a little longer. As all hunters know, it is not really about whether or not he took a bird, but rather the experience he had.

Based on the fact that he couldn’t thank us enough for the hunt, or that he was overheard asking his dad if he would please buy him a shotgun, we are sure we have a new hunting enthusiast. On this cold, windy, rainy December day everybody won; memories were made for a young man and his dad, the ducks continued south, and Heartland DSC took one more step in our mission of GETTING YOUTH OUTDOORS. CT

Thanks to DSC Heartland, eleven-year old Britton goes on his first hunting trip, a waterfowl hunt on private wetlands.

As all hunters know, it is not really about whether or not he took a bird, but rather the experience he had.

UPCOMING CHAPTER BANQUETS

DSC South Texas
San Antonio, Texas – Thurs., Jan. 31

DSC Texas Panhandle
Amarillo, Texas – Sat., Feb. 9

Charleston Safari Club
Charleston, South Carolina – Tues., Feb. 12

Heartland DSC
Omaha, Nebraska – Sat., Mar. 2

Lubbock Sportsman’s Club
Lubbock, Texas – Sat., Mar. 2

DSC Northeast
Uncasville, Connecticut – Sat., Mar. 16

DSC Wyoming
Casper, Wyoming – Sat., Apr. 6

DSC New Mexico
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Guide: Jaco Strauss
Area Hunted: Northshore Cahora Bassa Lake, Mozambique
Cost: $25,000 including trophy fees
Species: Crocodile
Size of Animals: Large (This one was 14 feet long!)
Number of Animals: Abundant
Method of Take: Rifle
Difficulty of Hunt: Easy
Sought, but not obtained: Leopard

Overall Satisfaction:
Highest satisfaction and would recommend to a friend. A true remote hunt in an area with almost no hunting pressure. The guide and trophy preparation were top-notch.

Highlights:
The experience of a remote hunt with no one else in camp on an exclusive one-million acre concession. Seeing crocs, hippo, fish eagles and more from camp every day. Having hippo come into camp at night and hearing lions were definitely a few highlights. The efforts of working the leopard baits also sticks out in my memory. The leopard gods were not with us, but it was not due to a lack of knowledge or effort of the PH. Will try again with him.

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Reading, Writing, and ... Roasting Venison?

Where can students learn how to prepare a venison roast for Thanksgiving dinner? In Outdoor Adventures (OA), of course! In a south Texas high school last November, OA teacher, Rudolfo Martinez Jr., had his students prepare venison as part of learning about the sustainability of wild game meat, but they also found out how good the meat is. Most of the students had never tasted venison before, and were surprised at how good it was.

A dedicated and innovative teacher, Martinez says, “It’s amazing to see how many students have never been exposed to the outdoors. Outdoor Adventures teaches these students outdoor skills that they can take home and teach their families.”

Cooking wild game meat is just one of many, many outdoor skills kids learn in Outdoor Adventures classrooms across the country. The program, which was developed by, and is administered by the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation, is now in 431 public and private schools across 29 states, reaching about 43,000 students. In addition to cooking game meat, students are earning their hunter safety certification through OA. The program produced 11,000 certifications last year in Texas alone. Students also learn fishing, boating safety, wildlife conservation, survival skills, paddle sports, and much more.

During the convention, OTF plays host to 400 local students at the Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (YWCE). Special thanks to DSC and DSCF for supporting the YWCE and outdoor education at the 2019 Convention.

To learn more about Outdoor Adventures and OTF’s efforts to reconnect youth with the outdoors, visit GoOTF.org.
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DSC co-sponsored the 6th Annual Clays for Kids/Rob Harper Memorial Clay Shoot held on Nov. 23. Despite postponement of the event due to flooding, the turnout was exceptional. In fact, it was the largest and most profitable event to date! Everyone is even more excited for next year. CT

Above: Other DSC Life Members enjoying the shoot (left to right) include Richard Biggers, DSC Board Member Michael Vernone and DSC Board Member John Patterson. Photo by: JTobias/FCDallas

Left: DSC had the highest-scoring team of the day, including (left to right) DSC Life Members Marty Markl, Ray Mulholland, Joseph Barbknecht and Mark Cavanaugh. Photo by: JTobias/FCDallas

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- S-2 designed for scoped (up to 44 mm) rifles $695
- S-2A designed for scoped (up to 56 mm) rifles $750
Although a new organization, leaders are focusing on the quality over quantity of efforts. A few plans are already in the works, creating a great direction for CPHC’s future.

Following the Custodians AGM, Corey and DSC President Karl Evans and Board Secretary Rebecca Evans attended the Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA) Annual General Meeting in Windhoek, Namibia.

DSC’s participation in these international conversations was very well-received and built connections for more partnerships in the future. Attendees at the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) included government officials, association members, scientific authorities, academic representatives, local and international conservation and hunting organizations, and other interested parties.

At both AGMs, the need for high ethical standards, sound science to govern policy, and the need for international support for the proven conservation through hunting model were discussed and affirmed. Additionally, a number of upcoming conservation and professional needs were discussed.

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Photo Contest ......................... Jan. 31
Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award ............... May 15
Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award ........ Aug. 25
Outfitter of the Year Award ............... Sept. 30
Trophy Awards ......................... Dec. 15
Africa Big Game Award ................ Rolling
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Four Cats in Africa

BY ELI WHITNEY, DSC LIFE MEMBER

It all started 20 years ago when I visited the home of a friend and patient Mark Barrett, who had been hunting in Africa for over 40 years. When you walk in his house, the first thing you see is a magnificent full-body mount of a leopard – staring at you. Because of him, and another friend Louis Stumberg, I caught the safari bug and have been going to Africa ever since. At this point, I have collected five of the Dangerous 7 but hadn’t shot a crocodile or leopard. Several of my patients had been to Africa several times and failed on leopards using bait. I did some research and found the success rate to be around 33 percent. As a cardiologist, I only get four weeks of vacation a year. So I did more research. The success rate could be as high as 80 percent – with dogs, which was much more attractive to me.

Cedric Nieuwoudt of Cape to Cairo Safaris told me about one of their hunting concessions in the Riverine Forest along the Bubi River just northeast of Beitbridge, Zimbabwe. I booked for September 2017, for leopard but also for caracal, genet cat, civet and serval.

Cedric arranged for some additional hunting days for the caracal and serval cat prior to the leopard hunt. I was lucky and shot a nice caracal the first morning. The dogs got started off on the wrong foot by chasing a jackal for several hours with no luck. The dog handler finally got them back to the truck and we tried again. This time, within an hour, they had a beautiful caracal trophy bayed in the thickets. A single shot from a 22 Magnum from 20 yards ended the hunt.

That evening around 8 p.m., we drove to another area and looked for servals. It was not long until we saw an African wildcat and shortly thereafter, another small serval. This got me excited. After looking for another 30 minutes, we spotted a large male serval lying broadside just 30 yards from the truck. Another single shot with the 22 Magnum ended that hunt. The next day we were going to start with our leopard hunt. I was so pumped! Life was good!

The timing of the entire leopard hunt is based on the phase of the moon. It is a 14-day hunt. By starting out the hunt at full moon, the worst time of the month, the success of the hunt improves with each day. The more moonlight, the less likely a leopard will come to bait and/or feed. Baits are still used in a dog hunt since you need a place to start tracking. The dogs must be able to pick up the scent, so the best months are May, June and July when more moisture is on the ground. Unfortunately, my schedule did not allow me to travel during those months so I was taking my chances with a September hunt.

During the first three days of the hunt, we were continuously checking baits and putting down additional baits. We saw fresh tracks on one of the baits but it was too late in the day to chase the leopard.

On the fourth day, we found a fresh track at 10 p.m. The trackers check to determine which is the “entry track” and which is the “exit” track. The dogs will go in the direction of tracks but there is a 50 percent chance they will backtrack. When we stopped, the excitement in the dogs was unbelievable. They started howling, barking and literally going crazy.

The houndsman, Adrian, was monitoring the movement of the dog and Bongani (the
dog team tracker/runner), ran and stayed with
the lead dog (with GPS collar) throughout the
night. He had a two-way radio and maintained
contact with Adrian who in turn maintained
radio contact with us. When the lead dog
runs in a straight line for a while and stops,
you know that it has found and possibly treed
a leopard. We followed the dog as close as
possible. Additional dogs were let out at various
times during the hunt to support the lead dog and to try to keep the leopard at
bay.

That night, we went over 25 miles, from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m., but never caught up
with the leopard. Despite not getting anything, the experience was exciting and
amazing. We slept most of the next day and by late afternoon, we heard that a
fresh track was seen at a bait 30 minutes from camp. Driving up to the bait, the
dogs were more excited than the previous night. Within minutes, the trackers
figured out the direction of the leopard and a couple of dogs were let out. The
houndsman immediately saw the dogs were on a fresh track and he let out more
dogs. In the next three hours, the leopard was treed five times. There I am, 67
years old, with three knee surgeries and a knee replacement running at night
through the bush chasing the “chainsaw on wheels.”

Suddenly, in front of us, we see the leopard running straight at us! It was
followed by five or six howling dogs. The dogs turned the leopard around in
time, and after another 20 minutes of running, it went up a large tree. I was
handed my rifle. Cedric put up the shooting stick and Ben my Zimbabwean PH,
kept his .416 Rigby with open sights on the leopard as I fired a single shot from
my .308. It struck the leopard in the chest, penetrating the spine and dropped it
instantly.

The leopard hit three large branches before it hit the ground. My adrenaline
must have been surging since I did not feel short of breath. I had no knee pain
and I felt elated. It felt like I was running downhill the entire time. It seemed like
mass confusion, but the hunt was very well organized. Outfitter Cedric, Adrian
the houndsman, PH Ben, the trackers and the dogs performed magnificently as a
team. They all congratulated and high-fived me like I was a hero!

We brought the leopard back to the lodge for some pictures. A large leopard
weighs around 130 pounds. This leopard weighed over 165. The villagers sang
and we had a great celebration. The skull size was 1/32 of an inch less than gold
medal, but with the body size and the excitement of the hunt, it was already a
gold medal cat to me.

The next day we heard through the villagers that there were a large hippo and
crocodile about two hours from camp. I was able to harvest a good hippo bull
and a trophy crocodile. The villagers were extremely excited for the meat and to
get rid of two dangerous animals living right next to the village. When I posed
for a picture with the hippo, the villagers were changing “nyama, nyama, nyama”
with glee (nyama meaning meat).

I really felt good the next day when we saw every hut in the village with 203
clotheslines covered with long thin strips of drying meat. I was also gratified
when I found that the local schools were totally supported by income from
hunters like me.

The remainder of the hunt was spent on another hunting concession just south
of West Nicholson trying to get honey badger, civet, genet, maybe a hyena.

Unfortunately, a pack of wild dogs, which we saw a couple of times, was going
around the area and destroying our hyena and civet baits. We saw numerous
tracks around our baits, and saw a civet run across the road but we were not able
to take a shot.

Driving back to camp on the last night of the hunt, Cedric said, “Let’s go take
one last look behind camp on the dry river bed for a genet.” Wouldn’t you know
it, we saw small eyes only about an inch apart 40 yards across the river. The .308
spoke and I got the fourth cat of the hunt – a very large genet.

I grew up in Washington D.C., three miles from the National Zoo. I was taught
that guns are bad, hunting is bad and Texans are bad. After living in San Antonio,
Texas for the past 40 years and getting a more balanced view of things, I am a
Life Member of DSC, SCI and the NRA. Life is good. CT
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WildLife Partners is an influential company in the exotic wildlife conservation industry. As the largest and most well-known breeder, buyer, and provider of exotic wildlife to ranches in Texas, the company offers superior service and expertise to those interested in breeding exotic wildlife as a method of a revenue stream for their ranching operation. WildLife Partners was started in April 2016 by brothers and co-founders Brian and Chris Gilroy. Brian’s first career was in the oil and gas industry. He began investing in the exotic wildlife industry strictly as a hobby. After becoming successful, Brian was approached by investment partners and WildLife Partners was the result.

WildLife Partners’ primary mission is to facilitate conservation efforts through a for-profit business model, by providing landowners and investors a safe and reliable avenue to acquire stock. In addition, they have created a predictable source of revenue by selling offspring. By eliminating risk and making the marketplace more accessible, conservationists and investors are catching onto their programs.

In addition to serving landowners, WildLife Partners has dedicated two of its properties to allow conservation-minded investors from around the U.S. to participate in this dynamic industry. There is no need to acquire land, hire staff, or build infrastructure as they provide everything needed to make money and have fun, while helping to save species from all over the world.

WildLife Partners owns two breeding facilities. One is in Mountain Home, Texas, and the other in Pettus, Texas. These two properties are home to more than 50 species of exotic wildlife and they serve as a great example of how successful wildlife conservation can be.

Please join us in thanking this dedicated partner and convention sponsor – WildLife Partners, LLC.
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With gratitude, DSC, along with Sports Afield, recognizes Boyt Harness Company as a Diamond level sponsor for the 2019 Convention, *Mogambo: Dagga Boy Danger*. DSC could not continue to host such a popular and successful convention without its sponsors. Because of the endorsement of generous companies such as Boyt Harness, DSC’s mission of conservation, education and advocacy can continue for years into the future.

Boyt Harness Company has set the hunting industry standard for gun cases and firearm storage and transport. The company traces its beginnings to a family owned regional harness shop in turn-of-the-century Iowa. The industrious Boyt brothers founded Walter Boyt Saddlery in 1901. In 1925, the name was changed to The Boyt Harness Company and a new generation of Boyt brothers continued the tradition of making harness, saddles, bridles and tack for farmers and stockmen across the Midwest.

Farmers across the country proudly hitched their draft teams in well-oiled Boyt harness and collars each morning until the attack on Pearl Harbor began another shift in production for the war effort. From 1941 through 1945, Boyt produced millions of pieces of equipment destined for American offensives in both the European and Pacific theaters in WWII.

After the war, Boyt shifted production back to saddles and harness, but the mechanization of America had put most work horses out to pasture. For the first time, sporting goods became a priority and gun cases, hunting vests and cartridge bags began to make up the majority of production. The Boyt Five Star canvas case, named for the five award stars that the company had been presented for their production efforts during the war years, was quickly heralded as the premier method of firearm storage of the times, a position that Boyt has maintained for almost 70 years.

Building upon Boyt’s dominance in the high-end gun case and accessory markets, the company began to acquire other top sporting brands starting with the acquisition of Bob Allen Sportswear in 1997. Acquisitions since that time have included the Rattler’s and Bug Out brands of protective clothing for the outdoorsman, Secure Vault, personal security and hand gun storage systems, and the Mud River Dog Products. In fall 2017, Boyt formed a partnership with Kryptek Outdoor Group.

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Larry and Brenda Potterfield were the 2017 winners of the Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award. The couple was recognized for their enduring leadership in conservation and philanthropy, and their commitment to educating youth about the joys of the outdoors, hunting, shooting and wildlife.

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Never Chronograph Favorites
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After reloading for many years, why would you finally get a chronograph? I do think all reloading equipment should include a chronograph as well as case lube, a case cleaner, and a bullet puller as standard equipment. But way back in the early 1980s, Jim Carmichael, the then shooting editor of Outdoor Life Magazine, told me to never chronograph my favorite loads.

He said, “No matter how much success you have had with a certain load, it will take away your confidence if it does not exceed your expectations.”

Boy, how right he was! I had just ordered my first chronograph and was waiting for mild weather, so I could get out and really work on my loads that spring. At that time, I was head over heels in love with my .30 Gibbs. The Gibbs line of improved cartridges was supposed to be God’s answer to everything, or at least that is what the inventor Rocky Gibbs said.

I had used mine for years, and it killed deer, antelope, caribou, and moose with ease. I figured my 180-grain bullets were going at least 3,000 fps out of a 22-inch barrel, as the Gibbs’ data showed 3,137 fps with 64-1/2 grains of IMR 4350.

I was loading 64 grains of IMR 4350 with 180-grain Sierra BT bullets, and was sure that I had the greatest load ever invented. After a session at the range with my new Oehler chronograph, I found out I was getting only 2,750 fps, so I was way off from the Gibbs’ data. I was so disappointed that I never used that gun again.

Around that time, I met the late Bob Hagel of Handloader magazine. As it so happened, he was about to write a story about Gibbs cartridges and wanted to use my rifle for the tests.

Bob also found that my .30 Gibbs came nowhere close to the Gibbs data using a 22-inch barrel. It seemed that Rocky was using a 24-inch or maybe a 26-inch barrel in every caliber, and we don’t know for sure if he even had a chronograph. It could have all been conjecture at best.

Rocky Gibbs is gone now, so we will never know for sure. I still have the original documentation and letters from Bob Hagel dated March 5, 1978, along with the original paperwork from Rocky Gibbs circa 1960s.

All this came to light recently while I was at the range, when a fellow walked over with his .308 Winchester and asked if he could run a few over my chronometer? I said, “Sure, but let me shoot them.”

My partner piped up, “But you don’t like to shoot other peoples reloads.” “Ah but,” I replied, “If I shoot them and hit the chronometer, I’m sad. If you shoot it, I’m mad, so better sad than mad.”

I took his rifle and ammo and asked him what the ammo was loaded with? He said, “42 grains of IMR 4350 and 165-grain Hornady Spire Points.” It seems 42 grains is about all he could get in the case and not crush the powder too badly when seating the bullet.

I then asked him why he was using IMR 4350 in the .308 Winchester rather than a faster powder like Varget or Reloder 15. He replied, “Because I used to have a .30-06 Springfield and still had lots of IMR 4350 powder on hand.” You can’t argue with that logic, but a faster powder usually is more suitable for the .308 Winchester.

“Are you sure you want to know how fast these are going?” I asked. “Yes,” he replied, “but why do you ask?”
“I asked because if they do not come up to your expectations, then you won’t be happy with this load any more.”

“It kills deer just fine, and most just fall over dead,” he said.

Five shots later, I’m not sure I wanted to tell him about his load. First of all on the positive side, I put four of the five shots into one hole. The sad part was the fact that they were only traveling 2,356 fps average, which is just a little over what a .30-30 Winchester or close to what a .300 Savage does.

In the Nosler book No. 4, they show using up to 50 grains of 4350 for 2,792 fps. They also show it as 104 percent load density, so they are really compressing the powder. That load still seems a bit optimistic to me, but their test gun was a 24-inch Lilja barrel, and not a 22-inch Winchester.

Every reloader should have a chronograph. To go without a chronograph is like flying an airplane without a compass and altimeter. Sooner or later, you are going to crash into something.

There are inexpensive ones as well as laboratory-grade fancy ones with memories and ability to download data into your laptop computer, but as long as they tell you how fast your bullets are going, that is all that counts. I certainly would not go to the range without mine.

Chronographs can also tell you when you are about to get into trouble. If your velocities of a given load are too fast, you have something wrong. Maybe you loaded the wrong powder and have been lucky so far and not blown a primer at the very least.

When changing lot numbers or canisters of powder, I always check a few rounds to see if the new lot is faster or slower than the old one. I just had a case this past month, where I ended up using 74 grains of powder instead of 78 grains of the same powder from a previous lot number. The new canister was just that much faster. Something did not feel just right when I fired those, but without the chronometer, I would not have known what was wrong. Likewise, you could get a very slow lot, and now you are 200 fps too slow and not know it.

My advice is to write everything down and pay attention to details. CT
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