

HANDGUNNER

AMERICAN

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GRANDMASTER
WONDERGUN!

S&W .460
MAGNUM
FLAT-SHOOTING
FAST-GUN

SLICK
UP YOUR
SIXGUN

THE
MAGIC
OF SWENSON

Reality Check:
COPS KILLING COPS

FOCUS:

- Leupold Binocs
- Insight Light/Laser

AMERICAN
HANDGUNNER
30
YEARS
1976-2006

TAKE A
LOOK
BACK!





HANDGUN LEATHER

Dave Douglas

FROM CLASSICS
TO CUTTING EDGE
IN CARRY METHODS

Hammerhead Holster Happiness

If you're into the highly popular cowboy shooting community the name Eddie Janis should be familiar to you; especially if you're a purist and think carrying anything but a Colt is blasphemy. Eddie's entire business revolves around the Colt Single Action Army in all its iterations. He lays down a trigger job on the newer attempts at gun making from the Colt factory that's smoother than a snooker ball. And his business stocks parts for all generations of the SSA.

Now even Eddie has "one-upped" himself and started making a modern concealed carry rig for your SAA. The combination pancake holster, drop pouch and belt is available from Eddie's Peacemaker Specialists for those of us out there with a bit more panache when it comes to their carry blaster. Sure, a modern, all-black auto with 19 safeties, a round safely snuggled in the chamber and 63 more for redundancy in the magazine gives you a bit of comfort. But if you're skilled, that clicking lock-up of an SAA just adds one more bit of audible emphasis to the mouth-breather demanding your wallet. And if he lives through the experience, it will always serve as reminder he needs to read the newest printing of "Victim Selection for Dummies."



Big Fish Story


Eddie calls the new rig the Hammerhead — because it's made from shark hide. Catchy, eh? It's available only in black, only for right-hand carry and only for Colts and clones. You'll be able to wear it strong side or cant it down for cross draw carry, too. As with all things at Peacemaker Specialists, the workmanship is second to none. Stitching shark hide can be tricky but the stitching on this rig is superb. The holster, belt and drop pouch are vegetable-tanned and hand burnished with exacting attention to detail. The detail carries over to the horsehide lining Eddie selected for its ease on your gun's finish.

The Hammerhead is designed to carry the gun high above the belt and turn the stocks in slightly. This design feature allows for much better concealment of what's a difficult gun to hide. Molding is tight, so retention straps or snaps aren't necessary. I stuffed my nickel .45 Colt 3rd Generation SSA in the Hammerhead and turned the holster upside down. It didn't budge.

PHILISTINES

However, I know there are those of you out there who would never entertain the thought of carrying this dated technology as a CCW gun. It's okay — really. We all understand it takes years of dedication to the martial arts of firearms to even come close to the point of having the confidence to carry an SAA, let alone carry it CCW. It's okay that you don't have the time,

ability or personal commitment to reach the proficiency level others have attained. Don't feel bad due to your shortcomings and lack of skill you find it necessary to carry a black plastic mega-shooter and trade quantity of ammunition for quality and shot placement. Really, it's okay.

So if you're one of those, the BlackHawk SERPA will go nicely with your modern technology. It offers versatility, fit and retention. The carbon fibers infused into the polymer give the holster flexibility where needed, and strength all over. And we won't talk about you too much. At least when you're in the room. 

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