



Diamonds Aplenty

Sandy Chisholm, head honcho at North American Arms is an old friend and an affable fellow. I always enjoy a nice visit with him at shows. After stopping by for a visit about new products and such, I noticed this glinting jewel in his display case and simply had to share it with you. Who says you can't have fun while you protect yourself? This Mini-Revolver looks good enough to wear on a chain around your neck, or maybe it might do double-duty as an engagement ring? Okay, maybe not, but nonetheless, this just might be the ticket to actually getting your lady-friend to carry at least some kind of a gun where it's legal to do it. Thanks for keeping things fun, Sandy! It's not all about black plastic. www.northamericanarms.com.

Get The Kinks Out

Old buds Pete and Frank Brownell from Brownells have entertained me for hundreds of hours over the years without even knowing it. Their dad started publishing a series of books called *Gunsmithing Kinks* and then Frank continued the tradition. Filled to bursting with tips, techniques, wisdom, jokes and enough down-home Americana to make anyone smile and be glad we're living in this great country. Geared toward professional and home-tinkerer gunsmiths, "Kinks" 1-4 can answer just about any question you might ever have regarding gunsmithing "situations" as it were. Got a stuck case in a revolver cylinder? Put it in the freezer for a couple of hours then knock out the case with a dowel. Bullet mold handles coming loose? Brownells Acraglas to the rescue! Ever lost the detent ball for an adjustable sight? Your ball-point pen has a nifty replacement right in the writing point. Works almost every time. These and literally *thousands* of other great ideas learned the hard way are lurking within the pages. Even if you're not a hobby or professional gunsmith, these are just plain fun to read and if accompanied with a good bit of amber fluid in a tumbler, well ... there are worse ways to spend an evening by the fire. Oh, and just buy all four and get it over with right off the bat. It will save you time later! www.brownells.com.



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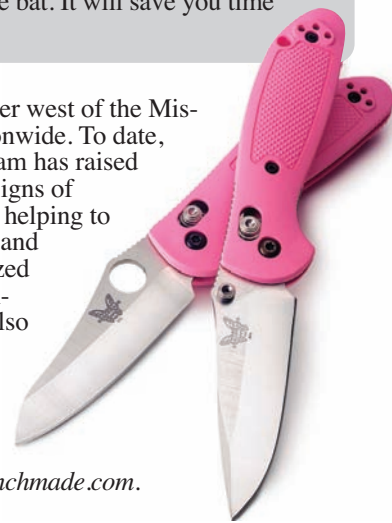
BENCHMADE DOES GOOD



Our good friends at Benchmade decided to put their money where their mouths were and made this pink Griptillian folder for a specific reason — to raise money to combat breast cancer. This vision, formally titled the Pink Griptillian Program, donates 10-percent of all wholesale profits to the Oregon Health and Science University's Breast Education Program. The OHSU Cancer Institute operates

the only Mamma Care training center west of the Mississippi River and is one of 61 nationwide. To date, Benchmade's Pink Griptillian Program has raised and donated over \$10,000 with no signs of slowing down. Funds generated are helping to provide medical students, residents and practicing clinicians with standardized training in the early detection of palpable breast tumors. The program also helps educate the community on all related breast cancer issues.

Well done, Benchmade! For your own pink Griptillian (and you gotta' have one!) call these genuinely great people at Benchmade. www.benchmade.com.



Ken Kelly, Pres. of Mag-Na Port and Neil Keller, Pistolsmiths Guild Pres. presented J.D. Jones with the Pistolsmith Of the year award at the Guild annual meeting in Las Vegas.

J.D. WINS BIG

Handgunner's own J.D. Jones (*Handgun Hunting* columnist) and icon of the industry, won the *American Pistolsmiths Guild* "Pistolsmith of the Year" award for 2008. I've known J.D. for years, and had the pleasure of working with him here at *Handgunner* for the past eight years and, simply put, I don't know anyone else who I can call who can give me the nitty-gritty answers to just about anything having to do with ballistics, full-

auto guns, custom work (especially on Contenders) and get a boatload of life-experience seasoning tossed into the fray. He can be outspoken, direct and has been accused of being a bit prickly at times, but with J.D. you know *exactly* where you stand, and unless you deliver the goods, be prepared to be shown the door. Well done, J.D. and a big *Handgunner* "Hat's-Off" to you, and a personal congratulations too. *J.D. owns SSK Industries and you need to check out what they do at:* www.sskindustries.com.

