

# Another Peek at New SHOT Offerings

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People who don't work in the firearms business but are gun fanciers always express wistful jealousy when you mention you are going to the SHOT Show—The Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show—sponsored by the industry's trade group, The National Shooting Sports Foundation. As well they should—there are literally tons of things to see at SHOT, and the four 9-hour days the show is open isn't enough time to see it all. It is time, however, to see a lot, and, because as exhibitors we get to sneak in early (or leave late) we do get a little extra time. I always say to people that you can tell anyone who is new to SHOT by their footwear—if they aren't wearing comfortable shoes, they've never been to SHOT before! Since I also spend time in our booth, this year, as always, I didn't get to see everything, or even half the things on my list. But here

are a few that caught my eye.

North American Arms announced the reintroduction of the Guardian pistols designed to chamber NAA's proprietary bottle-necked cartridges, the 32NAA (380ACP case) and the 25NAA (32ACP case) late last year. "Our new manufacturing capability has enabled us to assure our customers of regular production and a timely supply of this popular platform," explained NAA's President, Sandy Chisholm.

It's always a pleasure to stop by the NAA booth and see Sandy and Ken Friel.

"As personal protection specialists, we felt it was our role to pioneer this important development to create a new benchmark in extreme



NAA has brought back their popular Guardian in .32NAA and .25NAA.

high-performance handgun ballistics. We were supported in this task by Ed Sanow, editor of *Law Enforcement* magazine and a recognized ballistics expert, as well as the team at Cor-Bon, a company whose brand is synonymous with high performance ammunition," Chisholm added.

As an example, the 32NAA car-



AirForce Air Guns offers its popular Talon series of serious airguns in a variety of calibers—and with optional colors.

tridge pushes a 60-gr. Hornady bullet in excess of 1200 feet per second from the 2.5" Guardian barrel, generating almost 200 ft. lbs. of energy. Serious students will find that compares very favorably with virtually any ammo/gun combination in the pocket pistol category. Full specifications and test information can be found at [www.naaminis.com/index02.html](http://www.naaminis.com/index02.html). The suggested retail is \$449.

AirForce Airguns is bringing out their popular Condor and Talon SS rifles, the original black airguns in red and blue. These are the same precision guns that brought pre-charged airgunning to the U.S. They still feature Lothar Walther precision barrels in .177, .20, and .22 calibers. The company's signature multiple mounting rails and built-in velocity control system are also retained.

When I finally made it down to the "pit"—I mean lower level of the show—I missed seeing Yvette Hicks, operations manager at AirForce Airguns, and I never did get back down there.

But the company has responded to demands for new colors, and displayed some custom offerings last year. They've been taking orders ever since.

AirForce was first with a "black" pre-charged pneumatic airgun with the original Talon model. It was quickly followed by the Talon SS and Condor models to offer a wider variety of rifles to fill every shooter's need and situation. From the interchangeable barrels to the multiple propellant power system, these are the most advanced—and the best looking—serious airguns available anywhere. "Serious" is the operative word here; these air guns weigh just over five pounds and, depending on caliber, pellet weight and powder setting have a velocity



**Available in four calibers, EAA is importing the SAR K2 from Turkey.**

of 400-1000 fps.

These guns are more than just visually appealing. They are the same ultra accurate rifles that made AirForce the leader in high power airguns. These rifles are made in the USA in AirForce's state of the art Fort Worth manufacturing facility. AirForce is planning to introduce a pistol version of the Talon soon.

For more information, call the company at 877-247-4867 or visit their website at: [airforceairguns.com](http://airforceairguns.com).

The SAR K2 Pistol-K2 Semi Auto Pistols have been around for a long time. The K2 takes many of the modern designs and puts them in one pistol to come up with one of the best high capacity semi auto pistols in the world. Built by Sarsilmaz for the Turkish Military, the K2 is truly an amazing gun to shoot, says the

company. European American Arms (EAA) is now importing the K2 to the US. Features include: cocked and locked carry system; ergonomically designed grip; steel frame and slide; adjustable sights; accessory rail; extended beavertail; elongated trigger guard with serrations; fore and aft frame serrations; removable dove tailed front sight; upper and lower barrel lock up, and auto firing pin block. Available in: 9MM, 40SW, 45ACP and 10MM, the K2 retails for \$449.



**Leupold's new RXC trail camera series are available in kit form.**



**The rise in popularity of the AR-platform rifle has given way to a host of accessories, including GunVault's AR Mag Vault.**

For more information, visit [eaacorp.com](http://eaacorp.com).

As regular readers know, I'm not personally a hunter, so it takes something pretty unusual for me to stop and examine something in that sphere. I did take a look at Leupold's RCX trail camera systems because the whole idea of it sort of fascinated me.

"We call our new RCX Trail Camera System a game changer for white-tail deer hunters and others interested in patterning animals," said Pat Mundy, communications manager for Leupold & Stevens, Inc. "It is the most user-friendly system of its kind, doing away with the hassles common to traditional trail cameras: manual resets, swapping photo/SD cards in and out, guessing on alignment of the sensor and framing of the picture, counting blinking lights, scrolling through confusing mode options, multiple trips to and from your home or truck to view the images, and so on. RCX is also extremely versatile,

allowing users to choose how simple or advanced they want the system to be, according to their specifications."

The USB Controller/Viewer plugs into the USB jack in each RCX camera, and also plugs into home computers to download pictures and images to the hard drive. RCX cameras provide high-resolution color images during the day and infrared images at night, as well as a video/audio option. A special day/night sensor allows the camera to quickly adjust exposure as light levels change, and to activate the infrared system when darkness falls.

Both the RXC-1 and RXC-2 cameras have a 54-degree lens for a wide field of view, and offer 45 degrees of heat/motion sensing coverage to a maximum range of 45 feet. A feature unique to the RCX-2 camera is Dual Sensor Technology (DST™), which provides the option of 10 degrees of sensing coverage out to 90 feet. The user

can choose to have the 45-degree sensor and the 10-degree sensor active at the same time.

Other key features include a silent digital shutter, "blink-of-an-eye" (less than one second) trigger speed to capture more complete images, and extremely fast recovery time—after taking a picture, the camera can recover and be ready to take another in two seconds or less, depending on setting. The system is designed to easily take the user through each program setting, step by step. The RCX Trail Camera System offers many customizable features—image file type/size, picture quality, time lapse, operation hours and separate day/night settings, among others.

The RCX camera frame is constructed for durability and to provide maximum protection for the internal components. Each camera can operate continuously for months using eight AA lithium batteries; AA alkaline batteries work as well.

RCX cameras and the controller/viewer can be purchased separately or in kits. The RCX-1 System Kit includes the camera, controller/viewer, 12-volt cable, car adapter, home adapter, USB cable, AA battery pack cartridge tray (batteries not included), lithium-ion battery (for the controller/viewer), six hex standoffs for mounting and a mounting strap. The RCX-2 System Kit offers the same items, plus a lock-down security plate and screws.

For more information, visit a local dealer, go to [leupold.com](http://leupold.com). The System Kits retail around \$250.

So many companies produced AR-platform rifles in the last two years, that it makes sense, the accessory market for these "sport utility rifles," as my friend Dave Workman has dubbed them, would fol-

low along.

GunVault unveiled the AR MagVault, a revolutionary new way to keep an AR rifle secure. Inspired by extensive customer demand, the AR MagVault is versatile, easy to use and priced to fit any budget.

This unique design fits in the



**SHE Outdoor Apparel's 2011 line includes this short sleeved polo (left) from their Safari Collection (\$50) and their Upland Collection's basic pant (\$100) and short sleeved vented shirt (\$55).**

magazine well and locks into place to keep the AR safe and secure at home, during travel or on the range. Once the AR MagVault is locked into place a round cannot be inserted or chambered and the high-visible orange color offers immediate safety recognition.

The AR MagVault features an easy-to-operate key lock system and fits virtually all .223/5.56 AR carbine rifles. It is also constructed from extremely durable glass-reinforced nylon for maximum durability. It has a suggested retail of \$24.95

For additional information about GunVault and its complete line of premium security products, visit

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gunvault.com.

We'll wrap up this mini-tour of SHOT with a stop at one of the many companies making products specifically for women—SHE Outdoor Apparel. Their 2011 col-



lection is divided into several categories, including a Safari Collection, an Upland Collection and a Shooting Collection. The Shooting Collection was developed with the assistance of 4-time Olympic Champion Kim Rhode and includes vest and tops for shooters. I liked their cotton Rhode Shooting Hoodie (\$60). Their clothing appears well made and well priced and comes in sizes XS (misses' sizes 2-4)-XXL (22-24), so there should be something for just about everyone. To do some Internet shopping for SHE Apparel, go to shesafari.com

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## From the Editor

The Jan. 8 shooting in Tucson, AZ, dominated the news in the early part of the year, and, as is usually the case, brought out the pundits in force.

Rep. Peter King (R-NY) appeared on a number of television programs, primarily because he is an anti-gun Republican—newsworthy to those who get—and make—the news by headline, but not to those who study politics closely.

There have always been anti-gun Republicans. They tend to be from the Northeast, and if not from large metropolitan centers, then from densely packed and well-trenched suburban bedroom communities of those big cities.

King, who hails from Long Island, is no exception.

Also unexceptional, sadly, is King's apparent willingness to accept every media invitation he gets.

Asked about the Tucson shootings, in which a federal judge and five other people were killed, and where several others were seriously wounded, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), King called for a "gun-free" zone to be enacted around federal officials.

How this gun-free zone would be different from gun-free zones on college campuses, in malls and at large workplaces—where shootings have taken place before—would be enacted and, especially, enforced, King didn't say. He only said he it should be illegal to carry a gun within 1,000 feet of a government official.

It's interesting to note that Giffords, a Democrat, but from a different part of the country than Long Island, is generally held to be pro-gun, something very few mainstream media commentators men-

tioned at the time of the shootings, or in discussions of what should be done.

What shootings like Tucson have shown us over the years are a couple of key points, nearly always overlooked—or outright ignored—by mass media.

- Criminals who don't care what happen to themselves will act as they see fit, regardless of the consequences.

Whether it is the 9-11 terrorists, assassins like Mark David Chapman, John Hinckley or Virginia Tech murderer Vincent Cho, if you don't care whether you are killed as you carry out your actions, or don't care whether you are tried, convicted and incarcerated for the rest of your life, no law is going to deter you from carrying out your crime.

- American citizens, sometimes armed, sometimes not, are the first—and sometimes only—line against criminal activities.

Even if you don't believe all the meticulously researched statistics in John Lott's *More Guns=Less Crime*, or the work of sociologists like Gary Kleck, there's ample anecdotal evidence to support the theory that ordinary Americans stop petty crimes and keep bigger ones from escalating.

The passengers on Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001 were unarmed, but, when faced with the mind-boggling evidence that their hijacked plane was going to be used to kill other Americans, they seized whatever was available to fight back against the terrorists, likely causing the plane to crash far away from its intended target, in a field in Pennsylvania.

A staffer of Rep. Giffords, who

had only been on the job a few days, is credited with saving her life, and greatly reducing the harm done, because he was a trained EMT—and because he used his training instinctively during the immediate aftermath of the shooting. Being armed with knowledge is often as useful as being armed with a gun.

But armed citizens have stepped in time and time again in situations like—and including—the Tucson shooting. In some instances, like Tucson, they didn't use their guns, but they did use their knowledge of firearms, to attack the shooter while he was trying to reload.

In other cases across the country—from high schools to shopping malls, armed Americans have ended mass shootings, despite the fact that in addition to exposing themselves to physical harm, they have sometimes exposed themselves to legal harm.

- Which brings us to my final observation, not an original one. So-called gun-free zones are often an invitation to the criminal, or the crazy, to attack with impunity, making them feel more secure as they attempt to carry out mayhem, that there will be less response, and less likelihood harm will come to them.

Whether it is 1,000 feet or an entire college campus or a giant shopping mall and its parking lots, more and more people, not just gunowners, are beginning to realize that "gun free" is an invitation to danger, not just to public officials, but to themselves and their loved ones.



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