

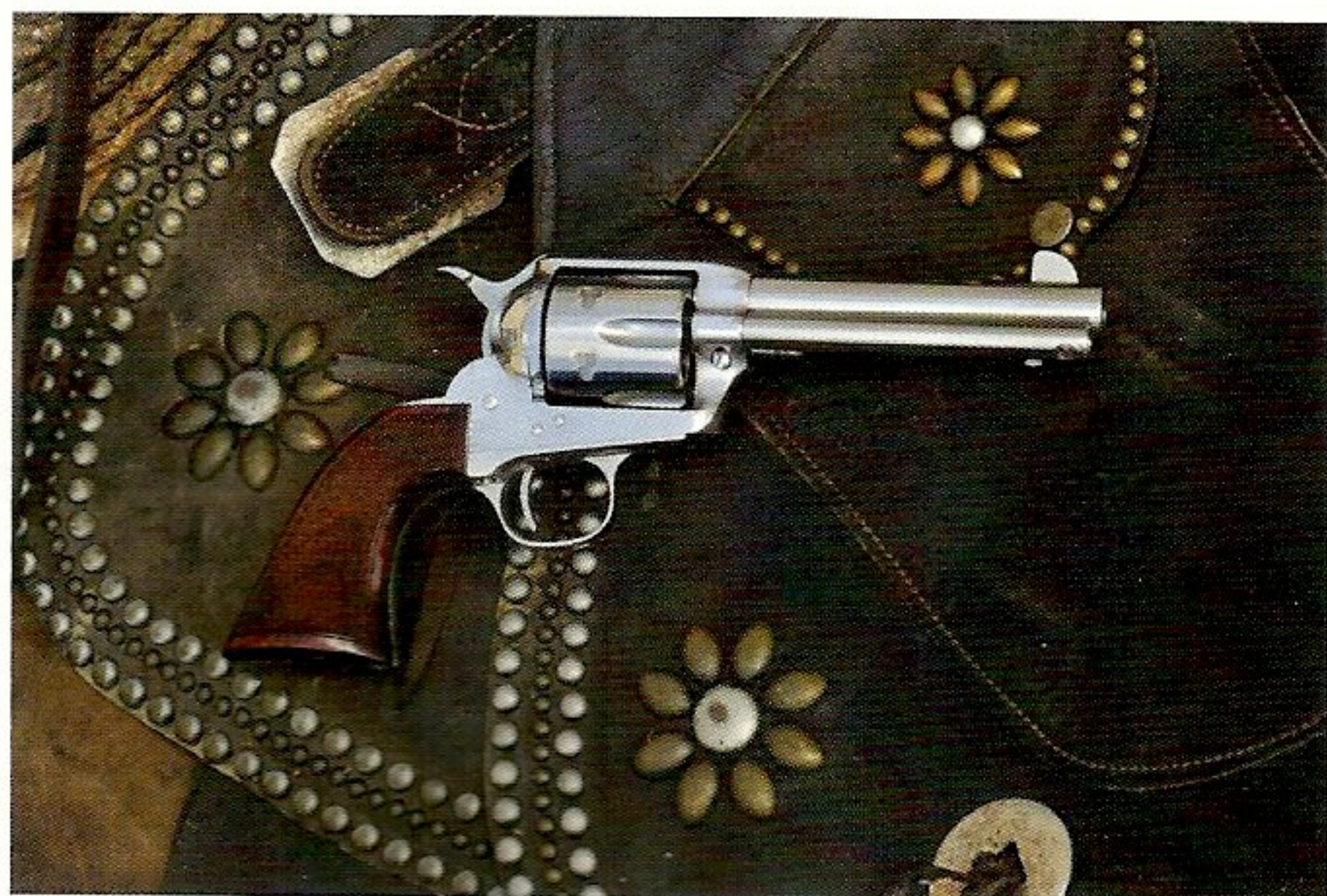
## A MOUNTED SHOOTING THUNDERSTORM

Cimarron Firearms' new "Thunderstorm" single-action revolver was designed with input from one of the top competitors in the sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting!

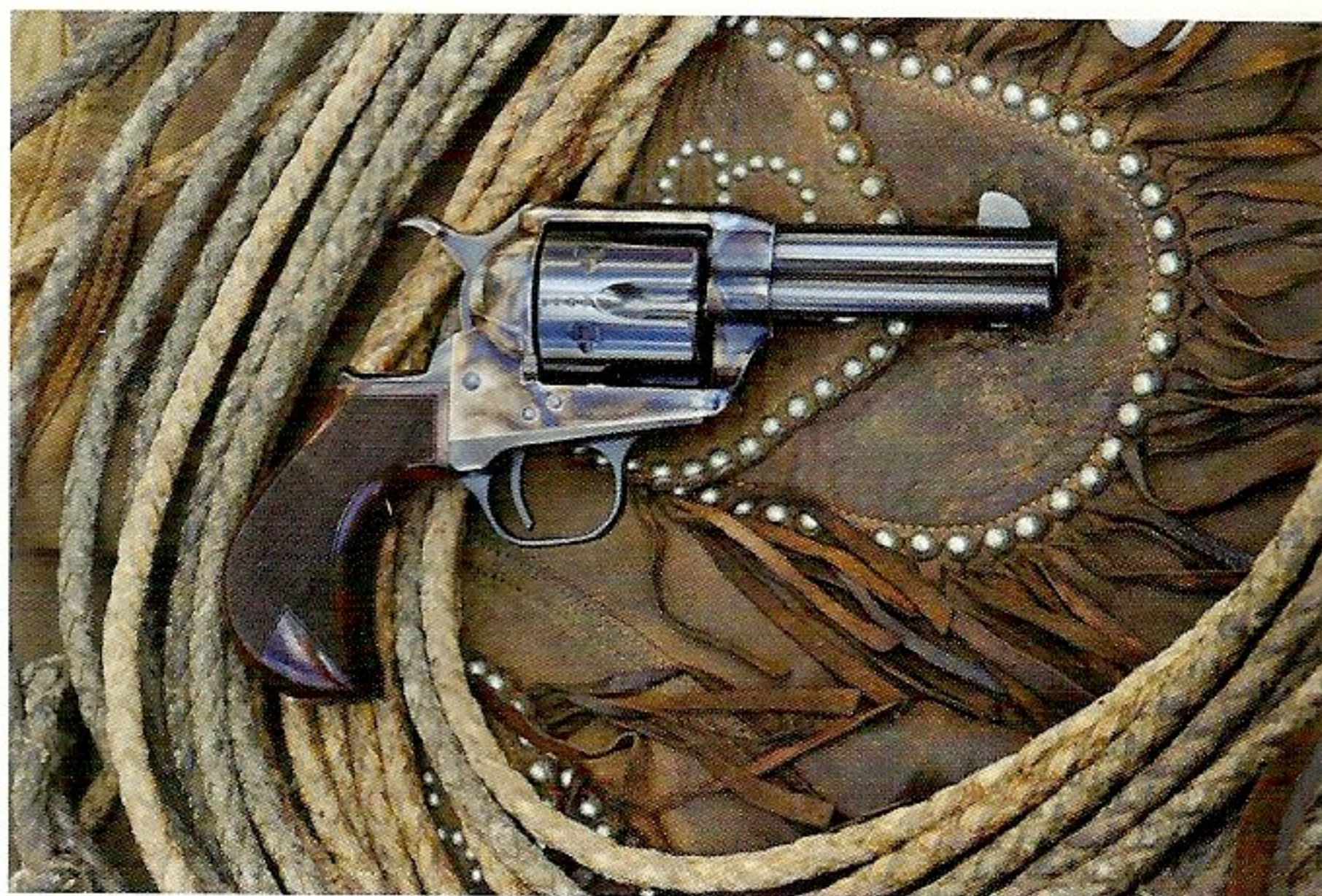
I first met Mike Harvey, proprietor of Cimarron Firearms, back in the late '80s while on a business trip to Houston, Texas. I made time to visit their retail shop. I was immediately impressed with Mike's knowledge of the replica firearms industry and the quality of the guns he was selling. Cimarron has always been a friend to the cowboy action shooting sports and Mike recently told me about his first encounter with Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Phil Spangenberg was at End of trail in 1989 with his gray horse Nevada, performing a mounted shooting exhibition when Jim Rodgers approached him and told him "this is great, you could turn it into a sport". This led to the formation of CMSA and the sport started growing from that point on. As the mounted shooting game progressed, Mike focused his attention on building his business and providing so many more options for shooters and really did not have enough time to pay much attention to the mounted shooting. Mike found a friend in Annie Bianco and sponsored her as an ambassador for the sport, but again had little time to come watch a match. Fast forward to a few years ago when Mike received a call from Kenda Lenseigne who had been using Cimarron revolvers for 12 years and she asked

to be part of Team Cimarron so she could simply place the company decal on her trailer. Mike agreed and as the two became friends, Kenda shared a DVD of a recent match and Mike was stunned – he could not believe that the sport had come so far from those early days!

Kenda's relationship with Cimarron grew stronger and she and Mike discussed the possibility of developing a revolver specifically for the one-handed shooting done while horseback; similar to the concept of the "Evil Roy" revolver Cimarron builds for Cowboy Action Shooters. Kenda leveraged her shooting experience and Mike his gun knowledge and together they set out to create what they consider to be the best revolver for Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Mike admits there were other manufactures that were quicker to bring their models to market but he felt that they were all a little "too blocky." Mike studied hammers—every one he could get—until he came up with the present design, which exhibits more of a radius on the thumb and very deep checkering. Additionally the gun needed to have slimmed down grips and be available in both blue with a case-colored frame, as well as in stainless steel.



Cimarron's "Thunderstorm," features a slimmed down, deeply checkered grip, a deeper checkered hammer with more radius on the thumb and is offered in either the standard Model P, as shown here in 4 3/4 -inch stainless steel or the Thunderer-type birds head grip.



The "Thunderstorm," as seen here in the 3 1/2-inch barrel and blued and color-cased finish, comes with an action job with U.S. made competition springs or the 4 3/4-inch barrel.





*For those who prefer the traditional, old-style frontier-era firearms, Cimarron's "Model P," like this hand engraved example, shown here in their "Original" finish, is an affordable and practical mounted shooting sixgun.*  
Photo by Phil Spangenberg.

The new model is chambered in .45 Colt caliber with either a 3 1/2-inch or 4 3/4-inch barrel and your choice of a standard grip or with the exquisitely contoured Thunderer back strap. The gun is currently available with grips of walnut, Tru-Ivory (an ivory-like substitute) or genuine ivory grips with some awesome checkering to ensure the gun stays in your hand. I was fortunate enough to handle the prototype at last year's Winter Range and I was extremely impressed with the feel, the design and the usually high quality I have come to expect from Cimarron Firearms.

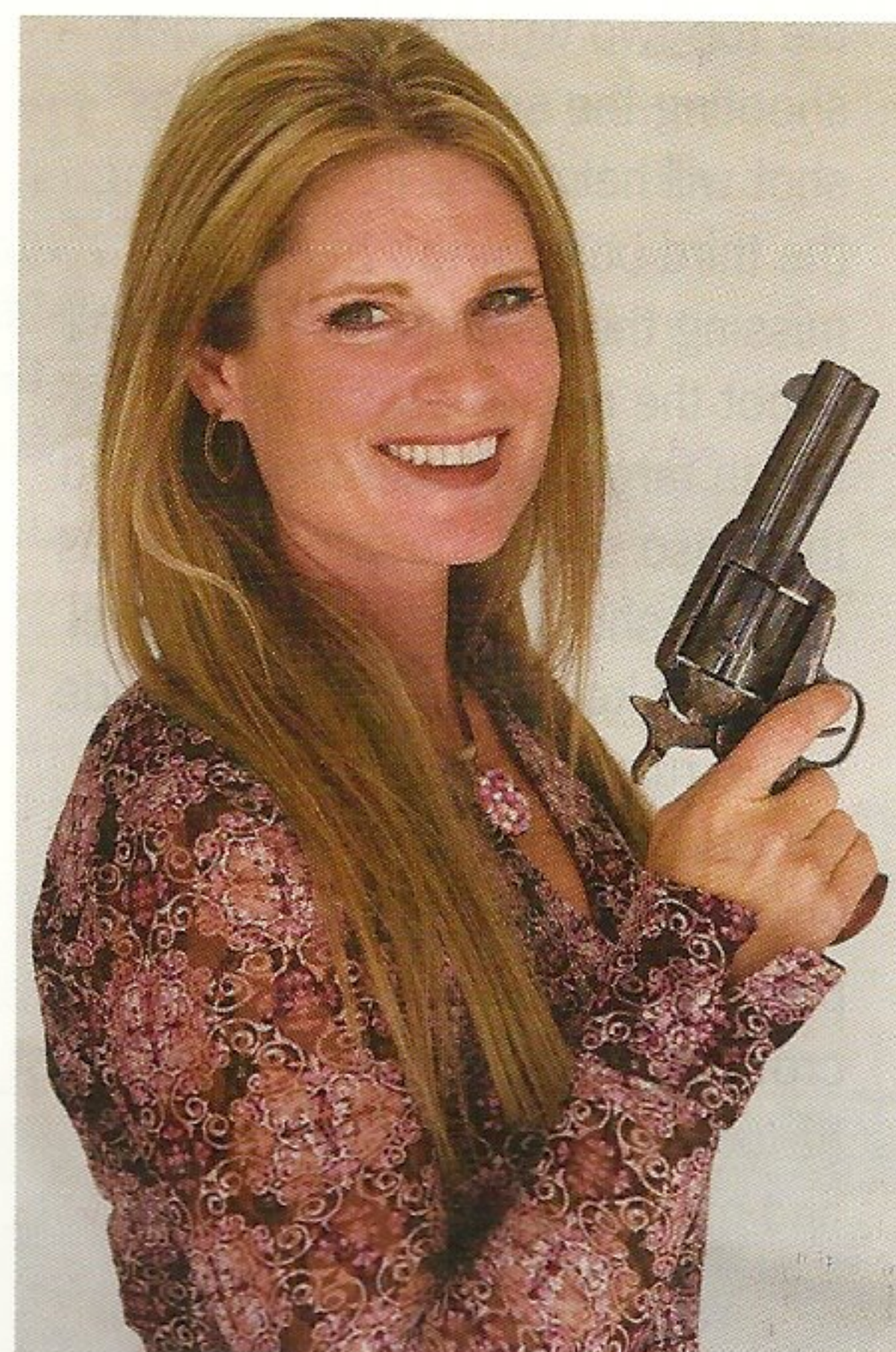
Now that they had a revolver that could set the standard for Cowboy Mounted Shooting they decided to do a photo shoot with Kenda for print ads, but they realized they still had yet to name their new model. Mother Nature provided the help as you can see in the magazine ads by providing a spectacular storm that day giving birth to the newly named Thunderstorm! The new revolver handles beautifully as it comes from the factory with an extremely light action that not only allows for faster cocking but a smooth-

as-glass trigger pull. It is a natural pointer and is of such high quality that you can virtually expect to use it your whole lifetime of competing.

Mike is already at work thinking about adding a new grip to the Thunderstorm and he's considering building it in different calibers to offer to action shooters. Mike Harvey and Cimarron Firearms have been a great partner with CMSA since our earliest years, and Mike recently told me that he "never dreamed that Mounted Shooting would be as fast and as popular as it is today." Thanks to our future thinking Board of Directors and such wonderful, long-time sponsors as Cimarron Firearms, we are on our way to our next 10,000 members. Cimarron is in the process of releasing an entirely new website, but for further information on the Thunderstorm and their other fine offerings you can visit them at: Cimarron Firearms Co., 105 Winding Oak Road, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. For sales and technical advice contact:

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*CMSA's multi-winning Champion, Kenda Lenseigne, teamed up with Cimarron's Mike Harvey to design what they consider the best .45 Colt caliber revolver for Cowboy Mounted shooting.*