



February News from The Den!

Ground Hog Day has just passed and ole Mr. Woodchuck is predicting many more weeks of winter! After this weekend with over a foot of snow and maybe another foot predicted this week, I believe him! Well it may be cold out there, but we are full steam ahead at The Woodchuck Den getting many shooters ready for the summer varmint shooting season.

New: The Woodchuck Den Accuracy Case & Neck Sizing Lube

The Woodchuck Den has just introduced a brand new case resizing and inside neck lube. It's specifically designed for easy case resizing and cartridge case forming. The Woodchuck Den "**resizing case lube**" is a non-greasy resizing case lube that will handle the toughest and largest cases and, of course, the small cartridges as well. A small dab on your finger will lube several cases for easy resizing or case forming. Put a little on a "Q-Tip" and hit the inside of those case necks. You will hardly feel the case necks going over the die expander ball. After you are done, just lightly wipe the cases off with a soft cotton towel. If you're currently happy with your case lube, you may want to just try some of **The Woodchuck Den resizing case lube** on the inside of your necks. You will be pleasantly surprised how easily the cases go over the expanding ball after using this lube and it is non-greasy, so it will not affect the powder! Order a 2 oz. container today at **330.897.0614** and try it. It's only \$9.50 plus postage.



The new Woodchuck Den Premium Case/Inside Neck Lube is now available to help easily resize your cases.

20X47 Lapua Update!

We have discussed the 20x47 Lapua here before, but it's time for a current update. Many predator and varmint shooters have caught wind of this super long-range cartridge. In fact, a customer from Manitoba Canada called me recently and told me about the problems of coyotes hearing them walk on crunchy frozen snow well over 700 yards away. I told him we have his 1000 yard solution - the new **20 x47 Lapua!**

We are currently custom forming the 6.5x47 Lapua to 20x47 Lapua and setting up the precision reloading dies for long- range shooters as well. We have recently tested the Berger 55 grain bullets in the 20x47 Lapua at 8 degrees, and the 1 in 9 twist shot very good. Therefore, I can safely say a 1 in 9 twist will work to at least 8 degrees and most likely in even colder conditions.

One of our customers in Wyoming has been shooting his 20x47 Lapua all winter and has dropped several coyotes over 800 yards and just nailed a beautiful Badger at 649 yards last week!

If you're looking for 20x47 Lapua brass and match loading dies, just give us a call. We will also soon have the custom form dies to offer. Stay tuned!



The Berger 55-grain Match 20-caliber bullets are flanked by the 20X47 Lapua on the left and the 20 PPC on the right.

20 PPC & 20BR

One more point I forgot to make is if you have either a 20 PPC or 20 BR with a 1/9 twist, you may want to try the Berger 55-grain bullets. The new Berger 55-grain bullet will turn those two cartridges into superb long-range performers. We have the match reloading dies for both the 20 PPC and 20 BR from Redding and Wilson in stock! In addition, we offer custom formed 20 PPC and 20 BR brass. Give us a call at **330.897.0614** for all your custom case forming and 20 caliber needs.

17 Ackley Hornet - My Predator Special!

Many of you ask me what I've been playing around with recently....so here goes. I recently ordered a 17 Ackley Hornet matte-finished, stainless- steel barrel from **Match Grade Machine** (MGM) for my original stainless-steel T/C Contender frame. I already have a Cooper Varmint Extreme in 17 Ackley Hornet, which I use during the summer months on crows and woodchucks. However, I wanted a dedicated lightweight rifle in 17 Ackley Hornet for fall and wintertime predator hunting. This lightweight rifle would be primarily used at night while calling for foxes, coyotes, and is a handy truck rifle during the daytime hours. The barrel I ordered from Kerry at **MGM** was the carbine taper, which is a little lighter in weight than the bull barrel version. It may not seem like much weight difference, but when it comes off the front part of the barrel it makes a world of difference in the balance and handling. It is also just 21 inches long, which makes the complete rifle only 33 inches long! (That my friend is three inches shorter than a yardstick!) I have placed the petite rifle on the handle bar rack on my mountain bike to go fox calling and the rifle wasn't much wider than the handle bar! This rifle is just what the "predator doctors" ordered for a lightweight and fast handling rifle. Combine it with the sweet "17 Ackley Hornet", and you have quite a 200-yard hundred yard performer! You can load the 20 Hornady V-Max or the 21-23 grain Woodchuck Den boat-tail bullets and move them at 3700 fps in this 21-inch barrel. I put a matte-finished Burris 3x9 LRS on top. It is a compact scope with an illuminated dot. The power to the dot can be turned on and adjusted for brightness by pressing the center of the left "reticle area" cap. The left cap really looks like another scope adjustment, but really contains the battery and switch. What a cool idea from Burris. The scope is reasonably priced as well!

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If you're looking for 17 Ackley Hornet loading and forming dies, we can help you here at the Woodchuck Den. We also offer custom formed brass for it and many 17-caliber bullet styles. Check out our "***Sensational Seventeen's***" reloading manual as well. It's our 5th edition and THE manual for 17 caliber shooters! Call us at **330.897.0614** today to order yours!



My custom Match Grade Machine 17 Ackley Hornet nighttime predator rifle. It is equipped with a Burris 3X9 lighted recticle, long-range light, and, yes, a mouse squeaker!



Match Grade Machine makes a variety of barrels for the original Contender, G2 and the Encore actions. Their work is second to none with the TC actions.

Contact The Woodchuck Den for all your shooting accessories!

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