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# Women & Guns

**Long Guns for  
Home Defense**

**From SHOT 2010:  
New, Newer, Newest!**

**Ready, Set – Reload**

**Ruger's New  
Carry Classic**

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**STI's Elektra 1911 models have pink or black pearlescent grips, groove mounted Heinie Straight 8 night sights and stylish slide serrations for a whole lotta "Wow!"**



**Ruger has re-done the SR9 and come out with a compact version. The trigger is improved while they've kept the undercut grip and reversible backstrap piece for better hand fit.**

Rossi, Taurus' companion long gun company, is running with the variety concept in their Wizard rifle frame that will take barrels for 13 popular rifle calibers, shotgun in 12, 20 or 410 gauge, and muzzle loader barrels in .45 and .50 calibers. The barrels change out easily. Each barrel is sold separately so the shooter can customize the wardrobe of barrels to personal preference.

This could be the long gun that everyone in the family can enjoy for hunting, training or just plinking.

Charter Arms has come out with a palette of colors in their aluminum framed snubbie revolvers, including some very attractive mottled color-on-color that looks like sponge painting. The Cougar is pink-on-pink and the Panther is tan-on-brown for a bit more subdued look. No two color patterns on these new offerings will be

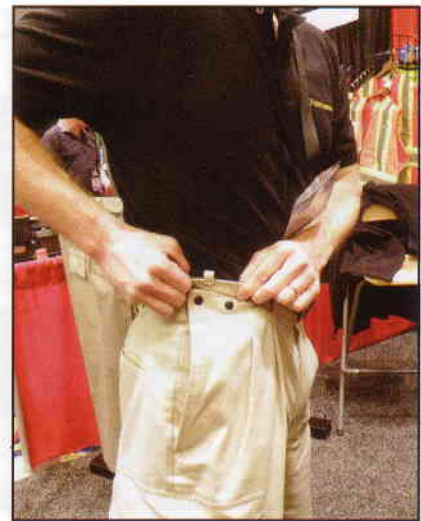
exactly alike. Santa Fe Sky is a bright azure blue that can sport a black finished cylinder or matte stainless look. They are up to 10 colors in the aluminum framed guns and four in their steel framed models. There will be merch-



**The Crimson Trace for this NAA Guardian .380 is grip integrated.**

dize to support the colored guns in the form of T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, gun cases and more available from Charter as well.

Everywhere on the floor were sporting rifles in variants of the AR-15 platform. Both FNH and Para offered piston-operated models with folding stocks. The FNH SCAR 16S, the polymer folding



**CCW Breakaways has nice men's chinos, such as this pair modeled by Jay French, with breakaway snaps under the waistband for access to the pocket where the gun is hidden.**

stock that was all the buzz last year, has become more obtainable and now comes in black as well as desert



**FNH's line of FNX pistols, like this FNX-40 have interchangeable backstraps.**

tan. Para's TTR rifle is also a folder with a delayed impingement action that pulls the spring assembly out of the stock and into the body of the gun, allowing for more freedom in stock design. Fun and more economical for training and plinking are the AR-15 style rifles offered in .22 long rifle caliber by a number

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**Concealed Designs has nice-looking shirts that break away for access to a firearm in a bellyband, IWB or shoulder holster, even when tucked in.**

of companies.

In other news, Crimson Trace has not rested on its laurels this last year. They continue to come out with sights for the small pocket guns, such as the KelTec, Kahr polymer series (including the P380), the Ruger LCP and the compact Glock 26 and 37 that mount on the front of the trigger guard. But the most interesting development is a green laser in a foregrip for rifles to be mounted on a

Picatinny rail. This unit has a 6 hour constant run time and is powered by two Lithium 123A batteries. It's got pulse and constant on modes. They've waited to deliver this item until they could work out the issues around the size of the diodes and the larger power requirements of a green laser.

A couple of companies had some interesting concealed carry clothing lines. Concealed Designs has a line of shirts that break away for access to a belly band, IWB or shoulder holster. They have some nice shirts for men that are worn



**Crimson Trace has worked with Kimber to offer the Crimson Carry model with rosewood-look laser grips.**

tucked in and have snaps with buttons sewn over them to mimic a standard button front shirt. They are at work on designs for women, too. CCW Breakaways has trousers designed for pocket carry that look like dressy chinos or cargo pants, avoiding the "tactical" look of



**Para's TTR rifle has an adjustable folding stock. The gun is fully operational with the stock folded.**

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BDU-style pants. The pocket design can be adjusted for different sized handguns and is structured to require no holster for safe carry of even a double action only pistol without an external safety, such as the Glock or Kahr. A Glock Model 19 replica gun disappeared from view in the trousers worn by the company's founder, Jay French. This start-up company is beginning with men's trousers and has jeans in the pipeline. Clothing for women is in the design phase.

It was good to see the marketplace responding to the increase in



**This is Hi Point's compact .380 model.**

public interest in concealed carry as well as continuing to expand outreach into the women's market. Of course, there was far too much to see everything, even with four days to do so. 2009 was quite a ride for firearms manufacturers as anyone that has tried to buy a new gun or even ammo has discovered. Though the industry is still trying to catch its breath, the mood at SHOT was optimistic and excited for increasing demand being met in 2010.

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