



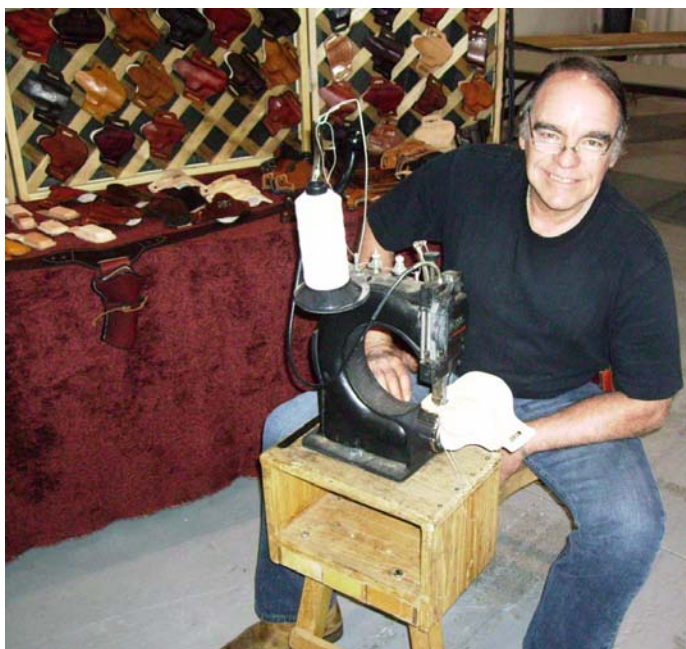
Tippmann Monthly Newsletter

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Featured Boss Customer

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Although I've designed numerous hand bags, brief cases, belts, even coasters and placemats, my primary line of work, however, involves production of weapon holsters. I've designed custom concealment, western and range carry holsters which are all specific to make, model and caliber. Today, my principal market place is being a regular vendor at regional gun shows almost every weekend.

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Boss Sale

Holiday Special!

"THE BOSS"
 Leather Stitcher

SEW:

- Leather
- Nylon
- Canvas
- Sheepskin
- Urethane
- Etc.

Save:
 \$300 **\$1,195**



Tippmann Propane Hammer

If you haven't seen the Propane Hammer

Check it out at:

<http://www.PropaneHammer.com>.



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Where my product is absolutely exact, I always have my Tippmann Boss at my side at each and every show to accommodate those who have a special tactical rail, laser, they are a South-paw or whatever situation. Patrons of the shows will stay and watch me custom build orders. The clickety-clack of the stitcher can be heard throughout the venues. While not all are interested in holsters, they are fascinated by the Boss. Often times people think this is a vintage antique and are quite surprised when I tell them it is current manufacturing. Listen folks, this is our factory, not a plastic Singer. I have given your phone number out numerous times.

I initially became involved in leather work at the age of 6 when my father dropped me off at Tony the Shoemaker's to keep me out of my mother's hair during the weekend. Dad thought I would be sweeping floors and polishing shoes, however, Tony had me grinding soles and nailing on heels.

I began selling my goods in the halls of my high school in the mid 60's. At that time I decided to open my own 'after school' store, the Leather Shop, in Westwood, NJ, which became a hang out for all of my non-working buddies. My second store, Aleasion Fields East (translated "Burial Place of the Gods", yes it was the 60's) was opened in Point Pleasant, NJ when I was 19. I began selling handbags, brief cases and belts on a whole sale basis and sold my goods at craft shows in NJ. Later I worked as the designer for Mountain Leather in Park Ridge, NJ. As I worked up front in the store, unknown to me at the time, they were taking my designs and developing clicker dyes and sold product world wide. That was almost the end of my truly handcrafted leather trade. I have also worked in saddle shops in VT.

I later chose a career at sea as a ship master and captain. I carried a side arm every day and night. My duty style holsters went through many developmental changes in order to meet my high standards of safety, demanding performance and comfort. While not at sea, I was active in competition shooting and sold holsters and leather goods at area trade shows.

All of my work at this point had been hand stitched. I realized that I had a fantastic design and viable retail product. About 8 years ago in order to keep up with the market I realized I had to make changes

Embosser Sale

Holiday Special! Only \$695

"THE EMBOSSEY" Leather Embossing Machine Save \$300



Buy Now and Recieve a FREE 1.25" Brass Basket Weave Embossing Roll VALUE \$100

changes in my manufacturing process. I then began researching stitching machines. I had seen a Tippmann Boss in the Tandy Leather catalogue and I would lay awake at night thinking how wonderful it would be to pull that handle down and have everything done in one full swoop. Then once I came to the reality that I must have a Boss I didn't tell the truth about the price to the woman who used to live with me and purchased the Boss at risk of retaliation and or divorce. Believe me it was all well worth it.



The machine is still running well and she ran away shortly thereafter. To date my Tippmann Boss has successfully produced thousands of holsters, hand bags, back packs and various other items with only a handful hiccups that were immediately remedied by the outstanding customer service department and Ben in particular.

For the rest of the story and more pictures go to:

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