



Tippmann Monthly Newsletter

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Featured Boss Customer

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For general discussion, please explain your company, product, or organization:

Actually I do not own a company based in the leather industry. I own and operate a web site dedicated to the leather industry and driven by my love of the old west, leather craft and family history. In today's world with a large amount of imports including old west cheap replicas in the market place; the number of American craftsman producing hand made leather goods dwindle every year. My goal is to promote the spirit of the old west and the pride of hand made American leather goods.

My belief is based on a very rich family history in hand made leather goods. This started with a talented and adventurous great uncle that came from very simple means in Southeast Missouri. Walter Lee Newell started Newell's Saddle Shop and Cowboy Store in 1935. In 1950 the world started changing and he was forced to close his shop, but his story continues today with reclaimed saddles and his life's history. My web site is dedicated to Uncle Walter and anyone who is still trying to produce hand made leather goods.

How did you first get started in leather crafting?

My dad got me started with a Tandy kit when I was very young. He also had plenty of stories from my great uncles saddle shop.

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Sale Ends July 1

"The Boss"

Leather Stitcher

Sew up to 3/4" thick leather

Sew: Leather, Nylon, Urethane, Canvas, Sheepskin...

Only \$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 did you first get started in leather crafting?

My start was at home with my dad a couple of Tandy kits and trial and error.

For general discussion purposes, please explain your website and what inspired you to create it.

After finding my first Newell Saddle on eBay I started asking my dad (our family historian) a lot of questions about my great uncle and his saddle shop. Maybe it was fate or luck but dad and I found more saddles along with some original catalogs and magazine ads.

At that point it was obvious that the story of Walter Lee Newell and his saddle shop had to be told. Family stories were told for years how Uncle Walter sold saddles to the stars of the silver screen. These stories were exciting but could not be published until we found proof. That proof came in the two catalogs that had the actual information in them.

In those catalogs there were pictures of Uncle Walter with Roy Rogers, Gabby Hays, Sons of the Pioneers and many others. The 1944-1945 catalog has a picture on the back of it with Roy Rogers and Trigger endorsing the Newell Saddle.



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

<http://www.tippmannindustrial.com/julynl2009.php>

Update on Chisholm's Trail

Here is the update of things going on at Chisholm's Trail. As you know we were privileged to produce several holsters and cartridge belts for last year's great western movie "3:10 to Yuma," with Russell Crowe. As a result



of our quality, we got the nod to make Val Kilmer's holster for the new "Doc Holliday" movie to be filmed sometime this year. He now has three rigs of ours, including a new design for a shoulder holster that is very comfortable to wear and one a pistol can be drawn from without the rig moving.

Our leather was featured for the first time in the Winter 09 issue of the magazine "Guns of the Old West." In this tribute to the classic westerns "Lonesome Dove" and "Comanche Moon," our Colt Patterson holster holds a prominent position on the cover.

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