

# THE Chadwick Ram REPLICA

It is not surprising that, over the years, the Boone and Crockett Club has received numerous requests by other hunting and conservation organizations to "borrow" the Chadwick Ram, which is currently on display in the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. The Chadwick Ram is considered the most magnificent trophy sheep ever harvested in North America. The Club has owned the Chadwick Ram since 1978, when it was acquired as part of the National Collection of Heads and Horns from the New York Zoological Society. (It is interesting to note that the National Collection, containing the Chadwick Ram along with other big game trophies, was originally compiled by the Society as an exhibit of North American big game species that were expected to become extinct in the 20th century.) In the early 1980s, the Club loaned the Chadwick Ram and the 30 other trophies that make up this collection to the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, where they are currently on display.



Although the Boone and Crockett Club permitted other organizations to transport and showcase the Chadwick Ram on certain occasions in the past, Club Members became increasingly concerned about the trophy's safety and preservation. Shot in

1936, the Chadwick Ram is a very old mount with its original taxidermy, and is in fairly delicate condition. At the same time, the Club wanted to share this incredible World's Record trophy with as many people as possible.

In 1994, the Club decided to create a high quality replica of the Chadwick Ram to be used as a traveling exhibit. In doing so, the Club would provide a greater opportunity for people to appreciate this unique trophy while protecting the original Chadwick mount by keeping it in the Cody Museum. In August of 1998, a Club Member traveled to British Columbia, near the area where L.S. Chadwick took his ram, and found a dark, large-bodied Stone's sheep with a coat in perfect condition. (This had to be the first time a sheep-hunting guide received orders to find the perfect cape instead of the biggest curl.) The 13 year-old ram that was harvested and donated to the Club for the Chadwick replica had a beautiful coat, but only one horn—the other had probably been broken off in battle. What a contrast to the massive set of World's Record horns the Chadwick Ram features!

Buzzi Cook, a Boone and Crockett Club Professional Member and taxidermist, went to Cody and made an exact replica of the

horns using a ten-step RTV silicone casting method. The replicated horns were made of Quick Kast, which shows every detail of the original curls of the Chadwick. After casting, Buzzi painstakingly hand-painted the horns to match the true color of the original trophy. Buzzi also donated his time and artistic talents in preparing the full-body mount, which stands on a beautiful oak base.

The new millennium Chadwick Ram replica made a much-anticipated public debut at the Boone and Crockett Club/Dallas Safari Club joint meeting on January 22, 2000. It was then taken to the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep



The Boone and Crockett Club's new trade show exhibit, with the Chadwick Ram replica as the focal point, was unveiled at the Dallas Safari Club Youth

2000 Convention in January. The Club also displayed select Jack and Eleanor O'Connor trophies. The Jack O'Connor Collection was made possible by the generous contributions of the University of Idaho and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.



# Boone and Crockett Club Expands National Collection of Heads & Horns At Buffalo Bill Historical Center

The Chadwick ram, the World's Record Stone's sheep since 1936, is the centerpiece of the Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns located in the Cody Firearms Museum at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. With the discovery of memorabilia relating to the 1936 hunt of L.S. Chadwick, this exhibit has now been expanded to showcase the hunt itself and the remarkable life and career of L.S. Chadwick

The exhibit now includes Chadwick's actual 24" x 25" field maps, the 1936 Canadian equivalent of the USGS maps in 1" = 4 mile (1:253,440) scale. The 60 day travel route is identified by Chadwick's own dashed line, with an "X" locating each of the 32 campsites.

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Boone and Crockett Club member Lowell E. Baier (right) consults with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center staff on the new Lee Sherman Chadwick display.

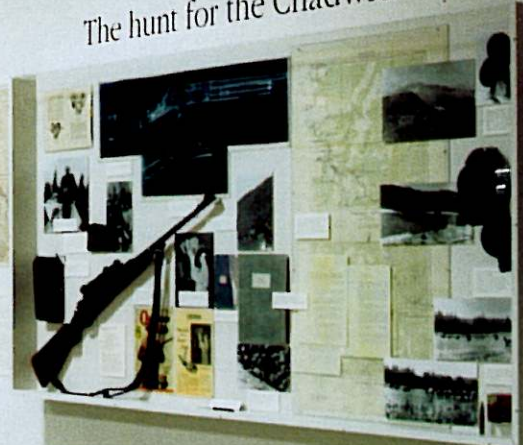
convention in Reno on January 26th. The Chadwick replica was a sensation at both events. Jack Reneau, Director of Big Game Records, and Julie Tripp, Director of Publications for the Club, answered innumerable questions posed to them by the enthusiastic group of people that swarmed the Club's booth to get a close look at this spectacular trophy.

The Club will share the Chadwick Ram replica with qualified conservation/hunting organizations for short-term display at conventions, meetings, and other gatherings. Information about the replica's traveling schedule, rental fees, costs of shipping, and insurance can be obtained by calling the Club's Headquarters in Missoula. ▲▲▲

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The hunt for the Chadwick Ram



The exact location of where the Chadwick ram was killed, marked by Chadwick's own hand, is a topic of immense interest and controversy for well over half a century among sheep hunters. Chadwick's original field diary of the 1936 hunt with detailed daily entries is displayed together with its mimeographed counterpart. The .404 Hoffman rifle Chadwick

used on the hunt is showcased in the exhibit. Of interest is the beautifully carved stock by German wood carvers depicting a hound chasing a hare. Chadwick himself was an amateur metal smith, and engraved on the rifle 23 trophy animals taken during his life. Notable is an engraving of the Chadwick ram itself, with the following inscription:

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graduated in 1899 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and the honor of admission into Tau Beta Pi, the engineering equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa.

A prolific inventor, Chadwick developed and patented over 157 products during his career. He developed and built award-winning automobiles, invented the supercharger, and invented the Chadwick Road Guide, a forerunner of today's global positioning system for use in automobiles. He invented the electric stove, and a flame spreader that revolutionized how lanterns, space heaters, and stoves work. Chadwick was very close to patenting the rotary engine before he died at age 83 in 1958.

The Cody exhibit contains photos of Chadwick at different ages, photos of three surviving Chadwick automobiles, the Chadwick Road Guide, a variety of his patents, and his depression-era book titled *Balanced Labor, A Plan to Remedy Depressions Present and Future* (MacMillan, 1933). A second rifle on display demonstrates that Chadwick was also an inventive gunsmith. He took a Mauser action and created a rotary action bolt to lock and unlock its breach. Blueprints of other rifle designs are also contained in the exhibit.

E.S. Chadwick was a man of phenomenal achievement and ability, both physical and mental, and a documented trophy hunter leaving behind six diaries and motion pictures of major expeditions throughout North America from the 1920s to the 1940s. His diaries and trophies reveal he was truly America's first trophy hunter with rifle, camera and pen.

The Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming is open year round with a variety of seasonal hours that can be obtained by calling (307) 587-4771. ▲▲▲

The new Chadwick display is located at the entrance to the Boone and Crockett Gallery, which features the Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns, at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming.



World's Record Stone Sheep  
August 28, 1936  
Length of Outside Curve 51 3/8"  
Base Circumference 15 1/8"  
Spread 31 4/8"

L.S. Chadwick was an accomplished photographer. On display is the Kodak Bellows Postcard camera and the Bell & Howell Filmo motion picture camera he used to photograph, in Technicolor, the hunt and the Chadwick ram moments before it was shot. A variety of black and white still photographs highlight the exhibit.

The expanded Chadwick exhibit in Cody also highlights the life and career of L.S. Chadwick. Lee Sherman Chadwick (1875-1958) was a wealthy industrialist from Cleveland, Ohio. Chadwick's life was heroic in scale. He was a seventh generation direct descendant from one of the 22 families on the Mayflower (1620). His mechanical aptitude was outstanding, and this talent was recognized at an early age in his rural Vermont home. With only an eighth grade education, he was admitted to Purdue University in 1895, and

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Lee Sherman Chadwick -

The Man

