



# Baron Engraving Newsletter

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## Baron-engraved Guns Featured at SHOT 2010 Auction

**T**rumbull, CT — At the 2010 SHOT Show, Baron Engraving's outstanding engraving work was again seen on the two guns that were *the* auction items of this year's show: the 10,000,001th Remington 870 Wingmaster shotgun and the 4,000,000<sup>th</sup> Savage 110 rifle. As in past years, Baron Engraving was chosen for the excellent craftsmanship it produces on many of the industry's landmark guns.

Celebrating the most popular shotgun of all time, Remington Model 870 was hand-engraved at Baron Engraving by Heidi Roos and features a style of scroll work that is similar to the



*At the 2010 SHOT Show, David Baron (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) proudly receives a commemorative engraved plaque from Bob Delfay, Hunting Heritage Trust director (on right), that designates Baron Engraving's continued support and engraving contribution to the show's auctioned rifle and shotgun. NSSF president Steve Sanetti (left) and gunbroker.com CEO Steve Urvan attended the presentation. (Photo courtesy of HHT.)*

2,000,000<sup>th</sup> 870 Wingmaster engraved by well-know Remington engraver Robert Runge. The gun's left side has the theme of "First of the Next 10,000,000" and the 10,000,001 serial number in gold plating on a blued background and two hunting scenes on the right that feature two shooters in various locales. These shooters, and the ducks at which they are aiming, are gold plated, as well. It was displayed in Remington's booth at SHOT 2010.

Known as one of the world's greatest deer rifles, the SHOT Show auction's Savage Model 110 rifle was hand engraved by Rob Bunting of Baron Engraving and

features an Indian head that is carved in relief and gold plated



*Engraved and gold-plated on the Remington Model 870's left side is the gun's serial number: 10,000,001.*

on the bolt handle; a floor plate with a rectangular, single-line, shaded-scroll outside border whose inside line is gold-plated, an Indian head in a circle in the center (also gold plated), a fan-motif in each corner and a target in the forward and aft areas. The receiver's left side reads "Savage Arms



*The Savage Model 110 floor plate's featured engraving.*

Model 110,” which is hand cut and gold plated with matching single-line shaded-scroll, and a factory-stamped 4,000,000 serial number. The right side also has shaded-scroll work with a gold-plated single line fore and aft of the shell ejection area.

“Baron Engraving is very proud to support the outstanding work of Hunting Heritage Trust with this year’s auction.” said David Baron, president of Baron Engraving.

As in the past, both SHOT Show guns were offered exclusively on Gunbroker.com for bidding, and when the bidding closed, the top bid on the Model 870 was \$9,500 and the Model 110 auctioned for \$5,691. The money raised went to the Hunting Heritage Trust in support of efforts to foster America’s hunting and shooting sports heritage.

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## **Baron-engraved Winchester helps to raise \$175K**

Wild Sheep Foundation Convention in Reno, NV (Feb. 3-6) — Baron Engraving’s outstanding work on an auctioned Winchester 1885 helped to net \$175K for USA Shooting—a nonprofit organization that governs and promotes international shooting sports and prepares athletes for competition. The proceeds will be used to help train U.S. rifle, pistol and shotgun participants for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Here’s how the wild auction transpired:

Initially, the Baron-engraved Winchester Model 1885 rifle, which features the Wild Sheep Foundation and USA Shooting logos surrounded by scrollwork on an overall 24-karat gold receiver, sold for \$60,000. The winning bidder donated the rifle back into the auction to be sold again, as did the second, third and fourth winning bidders. The auction ended after the *fifth* sale, with a cumulative total of \$175,000.



*At the Wild Sheep Foundation’s auction, this Baron-engraved 1885 Winchester netted \$175,000 for USA Shooting.*

“The design and work by Baron Engraving on this unique piece was stunning and made for a desirable item that commemorated the partnership between USA Shooting and Wild Sheep Foundation,” said Buddy DuVall, executive director of USA Shooting Team Foundation.

The beautiful hand engraving was done by Rob Bunting of Baron’s Custom Engraving Shop, and he says that the receiver’s pattern is inspired by Lynton McKenzie’s American scroll work. It has single-line shaded-scroll with a shaded background that is liner-engraved.

“Unlike most nations around the world, our athletes are not government subsidized. So, it is important that we in the industry all contribute to further the future of competition shooting sports in the U.S.,” said David Baron, president of Baron Engraving.

The auction was held as part of the Wild Sheep Foundation Convention and International Sporting Expo, Feb. 3-6, in Reno, Nev. The annual event is a showcase and fundraiser for the organization’s conservation mission.

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## Palin receives Baron-engraved Henry Big Boy Rifle

On February 16<sup>th</sup> at its fundraising event at Verizon Arena in Little Rock, the Republican Party of Arkansas (RPA) presented keynote speaker Sarah Palin with a Baron-engraved Henry Repeating Arms Big Boy .44 Magnum rifle. Along with the personalized serial number PALIN-001, the rifle’s brass receiver was inscribed with “Presented to Sarah Palin - February 16, 2010 - Republican Party of Arkansas” and the Party’s logo was carved into the butt stock.

The Henry Rifle’s highly polished receiver has a border and scroll pattern on both sides with the aforementioned inscription engraved and black-filled on the right.

“Sarah Palin has demonstrated tremendous support for gun rights across America, and we were very proud to engrave this one-of-a-kind rifle for her!” said David Baron, president of Baron Engraving.



*At a recent fundraiser for the Republican Party of Arkansas, Sarah Palin was presented a gift of a Henry Big Boy .44 Magnum rifle by Anthony Imperato, the president of Henry Repeating Arms Co. (Photo courtesy of Henry Repeating Arms Co.)*

In front of a cheering crowd of 5,000, Palin began her keynote speech by thanking the RPA for the beautiful rifle. She said she even called her son Track to tell him about it, and stated, “It’s great to be in a state where it’s okay to cling to your guns and religion.”

“It was an honor and a lot of fun to participate in a Republican Party fundraiser. Ms. Palin was very gracious and her speech was very well received. The RPA also auctioned off a Henry Big Boy in serial number GOP-001 that evening,” said Anthony Imperato, president of Henry Repeating Arms Co.

On an historical note: President Lincoln was presented with a Henry rifle during his presidency and it hangs in The Smithsonian. It has become a priceless national treasure.