By Clair Rees

I’ve visited a lot of firearm-related websites. But I’ve yet to see one as practical and all-around useful as loaddata.com.

This website has actually been up and running for some time. Call it a “Beta Testing.” During this time, the publishers paid serious attention to the many suggestions visitors offered. They also continued to evaluate, tweak and improve the site’s content and operation. They added many new features and benefits to create the LoadData.com™ website you can visit today.

LoadData.com™ only costs $29.95 per year. This gives you unlimited access to a massive handloading database, which is the backbone of the site. This basic membership allows you to view over 130,000 rifle, handgun and shotgun loads, with new loads added every day. You heard that right, new reloading information is uploaded to the site every day! You can search this database according to caliber, powder type, powder manufacturer, bullet weight or any combination of all four. This impressive collection of handloading data was collected from a variety of reloading manuals, tested reputable sources and past issues of Handloader and Rifle magazines renowned for their wealth of reloading data.

This already extensive database is being continuously expanded with information from the latest sources. If you can’t find the load you’re looking for, you can send an email with your request to contact@loaddata.com. A technician will find the information you need (if available) and add it to the database. I’m told most requests are answered within 48 hours.

To fully appreciate the huge mass of loading data available, I suggest you go online to: loaddata.com as a visitor, then click on the “Load Search” button on the home page. In short order, you’ll be able to call up an impressive number of loads for a particular cartridge and bullet weight. This lets you view almost all the information needed to build a specific load. However, the powder charge weight is blanked out. You must become a member to get this key bit of information. When it comes to valuable data, there’s no free lunch. Members also get a free, three-ring binder that comes in handy for storing loading data downloaded and printed from the website. It could also store any published articles you like well enough to print from the site.

While accessing the impressively large handload database is the main attraction, membership brings other benefits. There is an exclusive monthly column by noted gun writer John Barsness. As well, you’ll be able to read articles on various hunting and shooting subjects from both current and past issues of other reputable magazines.

Did I mention online shopping? There’s a huge inventory of just about any product related to firearms or hunting. This includes everything from ammunition, air guns and archery gear to clothing, hunting optics and muzzleloading rifles. Lots of handloading gear, components and accessories are also available online. LoadData.com™ members can buy many items at a substantial discount. In addition, you’ll receive a monthly online newsletter. The newsletter outlines on sale items as well as bringing you a handy tech tip.

I consider membership in this website an important plus to anyone who handloads. At the