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**Reader's comments**

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Hi!

I've got something to request of the group!

I just got a barreled action for a 8.15x46R "wehrmannsgewehr" target rifle. Its a Weimar era (probably a Gew 98

commercial rework) oberndorf, Mauser banner. Action is nice, a little cosmetic metal damage from a butcher

30+ years ago (probably the same clown who threw out the stock!) Neat windage/elevation adjustable sights.

Anyway, ITS NOT FOR SALE!

I need info on 8.15x46R. The prior owner has fired a few .323" SPT's through it with no ill effects. I'm not real

sure how to "slug" the bore safely and I don't know if its a .323" or a .318".

I'd like to shoot cast bullets through it.

I have a bunch of .30-30 that's been resized, I hope that's good enough, since .32-40's are hard to find and RWS .15x46R brass is like \$25 for 20 from Old Western Scrounger.

What I really need though, is a W.W.I style stock and all furniture, off a Gew 98, or a Brazilian 08 or Chilean 12

would be OK to restore the thing.

I'll look around the local shops here in a few weeks and the upcoming gunshows this week, If anyone's got info or a stock, I'd appreciate it.

Anybody else out there shoot this caliber?

Thanks

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More input for the Mauser Monthly!

I found a stock and all the metal parts for my 8.15x46R Wehremannsgewehr, so I will begin refinishing that and putting it together.

I found a source for some nice looking RNFP .32-40 bullets, sized to .322". I still need to slug the bore to see if its .318" or what, so I don't know how they'll shoot, or if I can size them down to a smaller size (none of the name-brand places make a bullet sizer at .318")

I'd still really like to trade notes with anyone else out there who shoots the 8.15x46R.

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Dear Sir,

I have a Mauser HSc, post war model in .380 cal., imported by Interarms. I bought the gun as scrap because the trigger would not drop the hammer and it couldn't be cocked. The problem resulted from someone not know how to disassemble the gun, taking a screwdriver to it. Consequently the trigger bar has been damaged beyond repair. I would like to know if someone would have a trigger bar for this pistol. I've called Interarms and they don't carry parts. I tried SARCO, Gun Parts and a few other without success. Would any of your readers have this part? Please e-mail me at erma9mm@aol.com. Thanks.

Bill (Erma9mm@aol.com)

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I have a Carl gustaf stads gevarsfaktori Swedish 6.5mm 1915 model 96, and I want to outfit it with a same vintage sniper scope 3 bar pattern. CAN YOU HELP ? It would be key to have the side mounts that go with these scopes. Your help would be appreciated , Thank You ,

Sincerely, Andy Parsons (bstele@mind.net )

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Ward,  
Century Arms just came out with three new models of sporterized Mausers built on Czech VZ24 actions. These are not the old models with the low swing safety and Weaver type scope mount bases. The new ones come with Winchester type safety, Millet scope mount bases, choices of laminated wood or synthetic stock, .270 or 30-06 calibers, and Wilson barrels.

If anyone has purchased one of these rifles, I think the rest of us would like to hear some opinion about it. Thanks.

Howard Nguyen (nguyenh@ghg.net )

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**A Find: A 94 Swede Carbine (Slightly Modified...)**

*By: Ward M. Clark (wclark1046@aol.com)*

My wife, Dawn, loves to go to estate sales and auctions with her Mom. Personally I avoid them like the plague, with the exception of farm auctions where you can often find fixer-upper and project guns...

Anyway... I was at work, when my wife calls and reports a "pretty nice little Mauser" on offer at an estates sale, price \$100. After asking a couple of questions, I arrived at the conclusion that what she was looking at was a 38 Swede cavalry model... After a few minutes of deliberation, I told her to go ahead and pick it

up, what with the supply of Swedes drying up and all... A nice 38 would be a good addition to the gun rack.

Sometimes it's lovely to be wrong.

On arriving home that day, I went to the shop to examine Dawn's find. At first glance, I saw that the rifle was not a 38 but was in fact a 94 carbine, one of the versions that had a small addition clumsily added to the barrel to make the length 18", to satisfy the import restrictions of the time. Regrettably, the receiver had been drilled and tapped to accept a Redfield peep, and the lower 2/3 of the butt amputated (from just rear of the trigger guard on a straight line to about 2" below the heel) and a portion of a pistol grip stock added on. Colors didn't match, either. The whole thing was topped off with a large shotgun-style recoil pad (on a 6.5X55mm??!??) and a patch of wood grafted into the handguard where the tangent sight used to be.

A shame, perhaps, that the 94 wasn't original; original condition 94's command a pretty good price these days, after all. However, the altered condition of the carbine does leave me with a certain latitude, a certain, shall we say, freedom of action?

While in Wyoming hunting antelope I test fired the Swede - nothing more scientific than a few shots at a pop can placed in front of a clump of sagebrush. The little carbine handled nicely, recoil negligible, a pleasant bark from the short barrel. At about 50 yards I was able to roll the Diet Coke can over with every shot, firing offhand. Obviously a range session was in order.

At the next opportunity I repaired to the range with the Swede and a bunch of handloads using the 100-grain Nosler Ballistic Tip. The results were satisfying, although not outstanding - 100-yard groups averaged about 3", with the best coming in at about 1.75". Not bad for a 18" barreled, peep-sighted carbine.

Since I have this "freedom of action" with the little 94, I plan to try to turn out an original pattern stock out of a nice piece of dark American black walnut, with two deviations from issue: I'll turn out a handguard without the cutout for the missing tangent sight, and fit a black Pachmeyer butt pad instead of issue steel. The Redfield peep will stay in place.

The result will be a beautiful and functional little carbine, with the overall appearance of an original 94 at first glance, but amenities of a modern sporting rifle. Reason enough in itself to take the project on. Watch these pages for progress reports.

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### **Publisher's Comments**

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My apologies for the delay in getting this issue out to you all, and my thanks for your patience. A family vacation and a frantic race to complete a new product validation conspired to rob me of gun-writing time in November.

Contributions are down again - I know that the holidays are upon us, but there's a bunch of Mauser-related hunting and shooting stories out there we're all waiting to hear; write 'em up and send 'em in! The ol' Monthly's getting a little thin, lately; let's take advantage of that vast pool of Mauser stories and experience out there.

A couple of other comments. First: Although the header of this newsletter states the topic to be Mauser rifles, we've been getting more questions and comments about other Mauser products, such as the Mauser HSc pistols and Mauser-made Lugers. I'll include those questions and articles in the discussion, while the primary focus will remain on Mauser Bolt Rifles. Second: a strange thing happened to me recently when I telephoned one of the major Denver daily newspapers (OK, it was the Denver Post) to place an ad for a 98

large ring sporter. I watched for the ad to appear for two days; when it didn't show up, I called the paper and was referred to a supervisor, who coldly informed me that the ad had been refused, in accordance with the Post's policy of refusing advertising for "assault weapons." It seems the 98 Mauser showed up on the Post's list of "assault weapons." My response was, initially, a stunned "Huh?" I retorted that my rifle was a bolt-action sporter, indistinguishable in function from any modern hunting rifle. No matter, the PC police at the Denver Post had the 98 Mauser pegged as an "assault weapon." I'm still waiting to see some Crips arrested for committing a drive-by shooting with GEW98's... I wonder how they'll get those long barrels stuck out the car windows, and when they run out of ammo, will they attempt a bayonet charge on their rival gang-bangers? We live in strange times, my friends...

On a more cheerful note, I want to send you and your families all best wishes for the Holiday season, and here's hoping you all have a safe, productive, happy and fun-filled New Year!

Until next month - Good Shooting!

Ward