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Reader's comments

I also have a problem which you may know how to fix. One of my Mausers is a parts gun with an Oberndorf 1916 receiver, a new carbine barrel and a mismatched bolt. Had the old barrel replaced and head spaced by a well known gunsmith in the area.

Since the bbl replacement, I have been getting occasional (1 in 10) delays in the firing of the rifle. The trigger is pulled, there is a click of something hitting something in the bolt area and a delayed bullet ignition. Very strange. Delay is less than a second but long enough to be noticeable and pretty distracting. I had the bolt apart and found nothing obviously amiss. I just got some new (new, old!) ammo and will try that, but do not think it is the answer. Can the firing pin be hitting something inside the bolt on its way forward?? If so, what to do.???

BTY, this mutt of a rifle seems to be the most accurate of my collection of five even at 600 ranges.

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Something a "Little" Different: The Mauser Model 107
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Recently I acquired a different sort of Mauser Bolt Rifle, a type we have neglected in these pages.

The Model 107 is a modern, currently manufactured bolt-action sporter built at the Mauser-Werke in Oberndorf. What makes it a "Little" different, is that it is a .22 LR rimfire rifle! I've always loved .22's, and of course Mausers; the combination was too good to resist.

When I took delivery of the Model 107, the first thing that struck me was the quality of the machine work. The bolt closed with a tight snap; the metal parts were polished nicely and overall quality - well, it was what you would expect from Mauser. There were a few unexpected features - a threaded muzzle with a protective cap, (I understand that in parts of Europe, suppressors are seen not as a tool of criminals, but rather as a polite gesture to the neighbors.) and a tangent rear sight graduated out to 200 meters. Also unusual - by American standards anyway - was the two-stage trigger.

The stock was made out of plain, walnut stained hardwood. My first decision regarding this rifle, was that

it will be fitted eventually with a nice piece of American black walnut.

My first step in evaluating the little Mauser was to do a little plinking with the original iron sights. I was not particularly surprised that I could easily roll over Diet Coke cans consistently at 100 yards; the graduations on the rear sight seemed pretty accurate, and I found I could hit the same Diet Coke cans pretty consistently at 150 yards with the sight set at 150 meters.

Never having been one to leave well enough alone, though, I dug around the shop and found a 4-12X Bushnell scope and a set of tip-off mounts. The problem, of course, was the rather large tangent rear sight. The scope I intended to mount had a large (40mm) objective, and did not even come close to clearing the sight.

Problems, problems. With plastic drift punch and a small brass hammer, I VERY carefully drifted the rear sight out of its dovetail and mounted the scope. There was approximately 1/32" clearance between the objective and the barrel! Time to go to the range.

To say I was pleased, would be an understatement! The Model 107, fed a diet of Federal Gold Medal ammo, with the scope cranked up to 12X, delivered five three-shot 50-yard groups under half an inch; the smallest was a single ragged hole measuring about .25". Moving out to 100 yards resulted in three-shot groups averaging about 1.25", stringing right to left; possibly in part due to a stiff crosswind. I remember thinking, "Where was this rifle when I was hunting squirrels twenty-odd years ago in Iowa?"

So now I have another Mauser Bolt Rifle in the rack, and another favorite that no one will be able to persuade me to part with; I also have a .22LR that shoots rings around both my Ruger 10/22's! What more could a Mauser fan ask?

Now to set up a shooting challenge against my buddy's Anschutz...

Publisher's comments
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July is always a slow month; everybody is out gathering new shooting experiences instead of writing about them! Also at times it's hard to get time in on the range when family vacations are coming around and the trout are biting. As a result, July's issue is a bit thinner than normal - last summer was the same story; I imagine next summer will be as well. Contributions are down quite a bit, though; please, if you have a tip, funny shooting story, favorite Mauser, whatever, write it up and send it in! The Monthly has already grown quite a bit larger than I expected it would, thanks to all of you; your contributions will make it better still.

This Fourth of July weekend will find the Clark family up in Wyoming's Medicine Bow
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Mountains, where I plan to become still more familiar with the Mauser 107 I wrote about in this issue and maybe do a little trout fishing as well.

One final note - I have a large ring 98 action in the shop awaiting a project. I've given some thought to a heavy-barreled 6mm Remington. Any suggestions?

Until next month - Good Shooting!

Ward