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Reader's comments

I received a call from Mark today. He wanted to let all interested parties know that he has 10 complete sets of high turret scope rings with screws. The mounts are supposed to look as close as you can get to original. He used a set on his hunting rifle and said he can hit a tin can at 200 yards. Each set will sell for \$435 which includes a leather cover with the "414" Waffenamt. Mark can be reached at 508-587-8954 on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Any other time he can be contacted at the number posted with the original message. I believe he will run a batch of claw mounts next.

Eric Leeton (Mauser416@aol.com)

Hi Guys!

Our own (from the C&R list and I believe the Sociedad) Joe Duszynski (joeyd@modempool.com) is putting together a *very* nice C96 URL:

<http://www.northwest-denture.com/mauser1896/index.htm>

Just thought you might be interested ;-)

Larry (Kyrieellis@aol.com)

Does anyone know where I can pick up a micrometer sight for a Swede? No one seems to have the original and Williams and Marble don't have anything that fits the existing holes.

Eric Leeton (Mauser416@aol.com)

I have only a couple rifles remaining like the Turkish-modified KAR98az I sent to you. Price is still \$145 ppd. Interested persons may contact me at <rekeen@mtu.edu>.

--Bob Keen (rkeen@mtu.edu)

Note – this is the “mystery” 98 az carbine I reported on a while ago. The example I got from Bob was very nice, all matching numbers, and shoots very well. – Ward

I'd like to ask for one more favor if you don't mind – does anyone know how to get on to the Mauser-Werke Diskussion forum on the internet?
I used to be able to access it, but now it is passworded and there doesn't seem to be an "application" form to join.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Joel A. Naspinski "Yog in AK" (naspinja@ptialaska.net)

A new Yugo for Deer Season

By: William B Boyle (ronin@ksu.edu)

Last weekend I bought a Yugo 24 at the local gun show. The former owner was not having much luck trying to sell it. The only offer he had while I was standing close by was 50.00. I got the Yugo for 75.00 with about 25 rounds Portuguese 8mm on stripper clips. He claimed that he had shot it, but there was storage type grease in the receiver. If he had shot it, it wasn't much. The entire gun was gummy to the feel. I took it home and took it apart. I used Murphy Oil Soap on the stock. Not a lot, just enough to remove the gummy feel from the stock.

I took the barrel and action out of the stock. The barreled action appeared to be covered in a light layer of whatever the Yugo's use for cosmoline. Since the missus no longer allows Hoppe's #9 inside the house, I used regular gun oil on the metal and it removed a lot of the buildup on the metal. The rifle cleaned up well. There are three areas under the stock where there is rust that will need to be removed from the barrel. I would estimate that the bluing is about 65% and the wood about 55%.

The serial # on the receiver matches the bolt. However all other serial numbers do not. The crest on the receiver ring is in good shape and the lettering on the left side of the receiver is also in good shape.

In Olsen's Mauser Rifle book, there are pictures of this rifle on page 156 and 157. For those who don't have Olsen's book, this is a Yugo version of the FN Model 1924.

I took the gun out and shot it two days later. With the steel butt plate 35 rounds was about all the fun I could handle. I shot the 8mm Port I bought with the rifle. At about a hundred yards, I was getting about 4 ½ inch groups. Since this was a vertical group, I sure this is my fault and not the rifle's, I also shot 10 rounds of S&B 196 grain soft point. This groups in the same area as the 8mm Port. All groups were about 6 inches high from point of aim. Since this gun has a 200 meter rear sight, I think this is not too bad.

Deer season starts in Kansas on the 3rd of December. I am going to use this rifle and will report on the results.

Several of the metal parts have the number 3 stamped into them. Could someone tell me what the 3 means? The metal parts include the magazine floorplate, trigger guard, and the front band. These parts are also pitted and have a very worn finish. I am considering replacing them, since the ones with serial numbers do not match the serial numbers on the action. Comments? Suggestions?

Also the threaded side of the recoil lug assembly is bent. Should I replace the recoil lug assembly?

A Rundown of Husqvarna Mausers

By: Mats T Persson (m95perm@mtek.chalmers.se)

I read a question in the Mouser monthly a couple of month ago, someone wondered if Husqvarna made their own Mauser 98 actions. I finally looked it up - and the answer is no.

Husqvarna basically used only four different Mauser-type actions.

The Swedish Mauser model 94

Used from 1927 to 1949

After WW2 it was called model 38, it also lost the thumb cut-out.

The German Mauser model 98

Used from 1937 to 1956

Made by FN in Belgium in two types, the main difference is that the new type doesn't have the thumb cut-out and that the bolt handle is swept slightly back.

Husqvarna model 1640

Husqvarna was not comfortable with the fact that they were depending on one of there competitors. So they developed an action that in some ways resembles the German Mauser model 98. It uses a long Mauser 98 type extractor and mechanical ejector but got a sliding safety catch. It was released in 1953 and discontinued in 1967.

Husqvarna model 1900

In 1967 Husqvarna released a new action. It uses short modern extractor and ejector. It got a small extra guiding-lug on the lower locking-lug. The cocking-piece got a new shape and looks like the one on the present Carl Gustaf 2000 rifles.

Since 1950 Husqvarna have mainly used cold hammer-forged barrels.

A very crude and simplified list of Husqvarna rifle models:

Model 46

Swedish m/94 action

Approximately 25000 made

Caliber 9,3x57 9,3x62 6,5x55

Model 146, 246

FN made M98 action (old type)

Approximately 12000 made

Caliber 9,3x57 9,3x62

Model 646, 648, 649

FN made M98 action (old and new type), and Swedish m/38 action

Approximately 64000 made

Caliber 6,5x55 8x57JS 9,3x62

220Swift 270Win 30-06

Model 1000, 1100, 2104F

FN made M98 action (new type)

Caliber 220Swift 270Win 30-06

Model 1640, 1740, 2100, 1600

Husqvarna 1640 action
Caliber 270Win 6,5x55 30-06 8x57JS 9,3x62

Model 6000, 3000, 7000
Husqvarna 1640 action
Caliber 7mmRemM 308Win 270Win 30-06 243Win 9,3x62

Model 1651
Husqvarna 1640 action
Caliber 358NM

Model 1970
Husqvarna 1900 action
Caliber 22-250 243Win 6,5x55 270Win 7mmRemM 300WinM 308Win 30-06 9,3x62 222Rem

Husqvarna's rifle production was sold to FFV Carl Gustaf in 1970, and the production of the model 1900 continued in Eskilstuna until the end of the seventies.

Publisher's Comments

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

I forgot to mention a bit of news last month. Our humble Mauser Monthly got some press in a shooting sports publication here in the States!

Congratulations to our very own Bill Shadish! The December 20th *Shotgun News* carried an article called "98 Mauser in CyberSpace" written and illustrated by Bill. The Monthly was mentioned as well as Charlie West's 98K Web page, The Mauser FAQ by Jim Rawles, and the Unofficial 7X57mm Mauser Home Page, as well as many other Mauser Internet forums familiar to all of us. Good job Bill!

Thanks to William and Mats for the articles submitted for this month, and thanks to everyone who contributed questions and tips as well. There should be some great hunting stories coming out pretty soon, too!

Also, on a personal note, I'd like to wish a happy and safe Holiday season to all of you from the entire Clark Clan. Keep the articles and notes coming – we're coming up on the end of our third year and going strong.

Until next month -

Good Shooting!

- Ward