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Reader's comments

Ward,
Here's the URL for the fellow who is manufacturing the (turret) scope mounts

<http://members.aol.com/jagerwerk/prof3>">Jager Werks

Eric (Mauser416@aol.com)

I am building an express hunting rifle in .458 from a 1917 Oberndorf M98 large ring Mauser. I got the rifle cheap years ago because none of the numbers matched, the bolt was a Czech and the trigger guard, stock, and barrel were DOA. The rifle had made it all the way to Turkey and then here to the States. The action had superficial rust, but has cleaned up very well. I am looking for a large aperture sight to mount (or modify and mount) to the rear bridge. I would like to use something appropriate for the period if possible. If you have pictures or drawings of any candidates I will try to make one. Please send any suggestions to me at goldston@ftp.xetron.com. The only marginally useful takeoff part is the rear sight, a 2000 meter tangential. If anybody can use it let me know, I'll mail it to you free. I am also looking for hints on the magazine / feed rail / feed ramp modifications.

Thanks,
Don Goldston (goldston@ftp.xetron.com)

(From last month) Hi 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.

There is something of a story here :-)

A while back some fans of the Mauser rifle were searching the net for Mauser's net site and discovered a Mauser site. Word spread, and this site quickly became the Mauser-Werke Diskussion forum. Unfortunately, this was the internet site for a German container company, owned by a fellow with the family name "Mauser", with no connection to the Mauser Werke of firearm fame.

The owner of this site tolerated the virtual hijacking of his internet site with admirable patience. Apparently, he has decided to actually use his site for business purposes and has taken steps to recapture it from the invaders :-)

The URL for the Mauser Werke we all know and love is:

<http://www.mauser-werke.de/>

Please note there is no discussion group here. Tuco has apparently taken up the slack and has begun a Mauser forum. I do not have the URL for this site specifically, but I think the General Tuco URL is:

www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/5061/tuco.html

Kyrie (KYRIEELLIS@aol.com)

Yes, there is a forum there.

The specific URL is Tuco's Mauser Forum - Powerforum Plus+ Pro

<http://www.paradise-web.com/plus/plus.mirage?who=tucoll&all=yes>

Looks like it has been up since 30 November

Glad you brought it up - I'm glad to know about it.

Carl Anderson (candersox@aol.com)

Ward,

I have some tentatively good news. Olympic Arms makes a magnum Mauser action called the BBK. It is supposed to be a copy of the Brno magnum action. I just received e-mail from one of the company reps confirming the fact. I have a catalogue on the way. Hopefully, the price won't be out of range for the average Mauser enthusiast.

Eric</

Samco Global Arms does not have micrometer sights for barrel mounting anymore. They have a receiver mounted sight for the swede though. They are www.samcoglobal.com or 1 800 554 1618

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Father and Daughter Mausers in the Deer Woods

By: Hoojy@aol.com

Two old Mauser warhorses - one an antique and one a Curio & Relic - took to the Missouri woods on November 14th and 15th and bagged deer for me and my daughter.

Stacy is just 13 and only 5 foot 4, so it was tough finding an original, non-sporterized Mauser that would fit her. We finally settled on a DWM 1891 Argentine Cavalry Carbine (the one with the full length, Mannlicher-style stock) bought from AIM in Waynesville, Ohio.

The little carbine fit Stacy perfectly. It's so small, in fact, that the joke among our group of hunters was that after she shot her deer she'd just stick the carbine in her pocket to get it out of the way!

I took surplus Berdan-primed military 7.65 Argentine rounds, pulled the FMJ bullets and discarded them along with the powder. After running them through the sizing die for insurance, I reloaded the primed cases with 41 grains of IMR 4064 and Speer .311 soft point 150 grain bullets. After trying out this and one heavier load at the range, Stacy decided that she was confident and competent out to about 75 yards with this load in the carbine.

After we kicked up 4 deer scouting a ravine, we decided that would be Stacy's spot on opening day, and found her a nice spot next to a lightning-struck fallen oak. She headed out to her spot at 5:30 on Saturday morning. Legal shooting was at 6:25 a.m. The first does started filtering down into her ravine at 7. At 7:20 a buck that had been following the does began to bed down across the ravine from her -- about 50 yards out. She dropped him with one soft point from the old Mauser and thus got her first deer ever: a nice, fat Missouri 3-pointer.

Her old man (that would be me) got his button buck the next day, about 200 yards from the same spot, with a M38 Husqvarna Swedish Mauser, using factory 140 grain Winchester soft points. Also about 7:20 a.m. Father and daughter were extremely proud and happy.

These two rifles have been a lot of fun at the shooting range, and now have truly proven their worth once again in the field. The Swede cost only \$115 in 1997, and the antique Argentine was a mere \$129.95 in 1998. Two great collectables that double as hunting rifles.... for under \$250!

Can't wait for good weather again so I can head out to the range with these rifles....and the pictures of them next to the deer they got for us.

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Sporting Arms' Mauser sporters
By: Howard Nguyen (nguyenh@ghg.net)

I just purchased three sporterized Mausers by Sporting Arms and would like to share with members of our club what I found. All three rifles were built on Turkish 98 actions with the stamping on the receiver rings reading Ankara 1943. It looks like a small ring 98 to me and chambered only for 6.5x55 caliber. The barrels are new and free of the traditional military steps. However, it does not have the taper like most commercial barrels I know of, instead it has the bigger diameter section at the chamber area about two and a half inches forward of the front receiver ring. In addition it comes only in 6.5x55 caliber, so I suspect these barrels are of mil surplus origin and the original military steps had been turned down on a lathe.

Barrel is about 22" long and finished in polished blue while receiver is matte blue and the bolt is left in the white. Bolt sleeve and bolt handle are also matte blued. The bolt handle is bent for scope mounting and is tastefully bent straight down with a relief cut to clear scope mount, much better than what I had seen on sporterized Mausers marketed by Century Arms in the past. The receiver is drilled and tapped for a two-piece Weaver mount, which also came installed with the rifle.

The stock is synthetic and is in black color with checkering in the forearm and pistol grip area. The rest of the stock is smooth and there is a visible seam line showing the two halves of the stock due to the molding process. The stock's origin is probably Butler Creek. It comes with rubber butt pad and sling swivel studs. The fit between metal and stock is very good. No unsightly gap noted. But barrel is not free-floated.

The trigger is original military two-stage with its original creep and over travel.

After the first range session with these rifles, here is my take:

At the wholesale price of low \$200 I think it is a good buy for Mauser fans who want a sporterized Mauser for hunting. The rifle is amazingly light and slim thanks to its small ring receiver, synthetic stock, and sporterized barrel dimension. The bolt is a little stiff and it took elbow grease and Clover compound to smooth it up. The scope mount was adequate and was properly drilled and tapped where I did not have to lose scope zero center after getting bullets on paper. All three original military triggers on these three rifles were horrible.....not anywhere near what I have in my original Swedes or German 98k. They have a lot of creep, grittiness and are very stiff. The first range session with these triggers and 3-9x scope produced 3.5" groups at 100 yards with mil surplus ammo.

After the first range session I took one of the rifle and disassembled its trigger group. The mating surfaces were full of machine mark and were unevenly mated due to poor machining. Using 800 and 1000 grit stones I polished both mating surfaces of the cocking piece and the trigger sear to a shine. A dab of gun oil was applied and the whole thing re-assembled. The trigger pull and let off improved dramatically. May be cutting off one or two coils on the trigger spring will lighten the trigger pull. But for the time being I think I'll leave that option as the last resort. I have not had the chance for a second range session after tinkering with the trigger, so the result is yet to be seen. I plan on spending \$35 for a Timney trigger to replace the original military two stage as I don't think it is feasible to hone a military trigger to the point of being equal to the Timney design.

One other thing I noted in the manual was that Sporting Arms's CEO had the last name Warne. So, there is a possibility that this is another product of Kimber? If it is, the current sporterized M98 is a much better deal than what Kimber put out in the past with their sporterized 98's in a variety of calibers. I purchased these rifles from Zanders' Sporting Goods Distributor. At this time Zanders and Jerry's Sports are the only two distributors carrying these rifles.

Regards,

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Publisher's Comments

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Apologies to all for this issue being late – coming off the holidays and a couple of crises at work conspired to keep me away from gun writing the last couple weeks!

Thanks to Hoojy and Howard for this month's excellent articles, and to everyone who wrote in with tech tips and notes as well.

With this issue, we close out the third year of the Mauser Monthly – and start year four next month. It doesn't seem like it's been that long since I posted a note on rec.guns asking if anyone was interested in forming a Mauser newsletter e-zine, and got flooded with responses – and now there are over 400 of us all over the world. A lot of credit, recently, goes to Charlie West's 98k

home page, and to Bill Shadish's mention in Shotgun News, to pick us up a bunch of new subscribers – and to all who are new this month, welcome and please feel free to contribute! The more Mauser knowledge and trivia we pick up, the better the Monthly will be.

This month I received a snail-mail letter from a gentleman in Council Bluffs, Iowa, who is selling a large and impressive collection of military Mausers, along with display cases – I have descriptions and pictures. If anyone is interested, please e-mail me and I will forward image files and descriptions, along with his phone number. He would rather sell the collection complete than piece it out, but the collection is – trust me – impressive.

Until next month -

Good Shooting!

- Ward