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Reader's comments

I got suckered into one of the Kimber sporterized M96 Swedes in .308 WIN a few years back. Since reading all the warnings about the action not being strong enough for this cartridge, I've left it in the safe. I'm thinking about having it rebarreled into something safer. I was considering .220 Swift, .223 REM, .22-250 or maybe even .243. I am just looking for a safe, dependable varmint shooter.

I would appreciate your comments on this matter and a recommendation on a good Mauser gunsmith.

Thank you.

Carl Arvidson (ArvidsonC@aol.com)

The Karabiner Collector's Network newsletter I think started in 1989 by Chris Cox. Early issues had a lot of information on not only the K98 but other rifles used by the Germans. Was a member until 1996 but dropped my subscription. Number of pages keep getting smaller and of a reported membership of 300+ members, seemed like you only heard from the same five or six people all the time. Talked to a couple of folks who are still members and they told me publication has now gone to every other month and Chris even stated in a recent addition that he may fold it up if no one wants to buy it. Would not think this is the best time to subscribe but if anyone is interested E-mail me and I will look up the address for you.

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Mr. Clark.

Thank you for an excellent work on the Mauser Monthly.

I found a page on the Internet that might interest your readers; <http://www.gunstocks.com/appendix4.html>.

The information (or misinformation) on this page puzzles me, the writer talks about a Swedish M94 rifle, a Swedish M94 carbine, a Swedish M96 rifle and a Swedish M96 carbine.

I have never heard of a Swedish M94 rifle, nor a Swedish M96 carbine, and I strongly doubt that such weapons ever existed.

Maybe some of the readers of this newsletter have any ideas or information on this subject.

Regards

Mats Persson (m95perm@mtek.chalmers.se)

Submission for Mauser Monthly: Tired of running out of labels for your handloads or having to shell out the bucks for the preprinted ones? All of us on this forum have computers right? Why not use your database or word processing applications and create your own! Nearly all printers are capable of handling label paper you can get at the computer store, so just load some and print to it and you'll have labels cheaper than you can get through handloading supply sources plus you can customize the labels to say as much or little as you want. I set my printer to print in the "draft" mode (saves ink) and this works fine. If the thought of trying to format it out seems daunting, do as I did and bribe your secretary with chocolates!

Good shooting,
Dan(Yarnfly@aol.com)

Saw your question on the Mauser net. The KCN has been around since about 1987. The editor, Chris Cox, publishes what was a monthly and is now a semi monthly newsletter with stories, classifieds, member discussions, etc. It has about 500 members. If you bought Law's books on Background of the Wehrmacht, you saw many of the member's rifles. We've been doing a lot of work on hi-turret snipers, serial number ranges, 22 trainers, etc. Chris' phone number is 910-884-5566. If you are looking for information- it's a good place to look. If you are looking for things for your collection, it's not a very good place. Most of the members are advanced collectors, and we don't tend to turn loose of the good stuff. e-mail me back if you have questions.

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Swedish Mauser info at:
<http://www.cyberhighway.net/~poole/skytte.html>
and some more Swedish stuff at:
<http://www.cyberhighway.net/~poole/swedescor.html>

You can pass the above websites on to anyone interested.

I'm in the process of re-building my web site. Most of it will be at <http://bill.poole.com>, but most of the competitive shooting stuff will be at another URL, which isn't turned on yet, so I'm not giving it out yet.

Bill Poole, AA4Q

News From Down Under

By: Chris J. Bartle

(Editor's Note. This article is a bit off-topic, perhaps, for a newsletter intended to be a technical journal on Mauser rifles. I present it here, however, for two reasons: First, The shooting sports have been under political attack from a variety of fronts for some time now, and the article presented here is a further example of how the gun control agenda can, when taken to extremes, end up horribly misapplied. Second, we in America have seen the gun-control advocates use "spin" – misapplied technical jargon – to plead their case, most recently with the "assault weapon" arguments. Our Mausers, as military weapons however outdated, are vulnerable to this sort of attack. Even sporters have come under attack as "sniper rifles."

The fight goes on in Australia, but shooters there have already lost a lot of ground. Therefore I present this, from Down Under, as a "head-up" for those of us here in the States. – WC)

For all of you who think that freedom is a naturally occurring event and that no government would ever really seek to take away every weapon, read this news story and then think again.

If you want the privilege (not the right) of owning anything even shaped like a weapon, now is the time to act. We left it too late in Australia, we lost big-time.

We fell easier than some other countries, we don't have a bill of rights, after you read this story you may notice that the boy was stopped and searched without a warrant, detained without being charged, he did not phone his mother because he was not allowed to and he was charged at a later time.

Charged for owning a CAP GUN.

Jail fear for boy who had cap gun.

By Wayne Jones

Sunday, Herald Sun, May 24, 1998-06-04

A BOY who brought a \$6.00 cap gun faced jail after being charged with possessing a prohibited firearm. The Boy, 16, brought the cap gun from a toy stall at Dandenong Market last week. Minutes later, police found the cap gun in the boy's jacket after he had been asked to empty out the contents of his pockets. Police had been conducting a crackdown on drug dealers in Dandenong and had mistaken the boy for a dealer s he stood waiting for a bus in McCrae Street.

"Peter", who can not be identified and who recently turned 16, said yesterday that he and a friend each brought a cap gun with pocket money that they had earned. "I only brought it so that we could play with it at home," the boy said.

"I have never been in trouble with the police and could not understand what I had done wrong. "The police did not even ask where I had got the cap gun from." The toy gun brought by the boy is one of thousands sold in major toy shops and at many milk bars and sops across the state. According to police, the toy guns are considered imitation firearms under new, strict gun laws and therefore deemed to be prohibited weapons.

The boy's mother said yesterday she was shocked when two police officers arrived at her home and said her son would be charged with possessing a prohibited hand gun. "The police officers initially said that before charges would be laid the matter would be referred to senior police," the distraught mother said. "They returned the next day to inform me that my son would face three separate firearms charges. "It is outrageous. He is only a boy. If he is convicted what sort of problems will this cause for him in future years.

"If he had been brandishing the cap gun in a threatening way or something, or had used it in a crime it would be a different matter. But this is a toy. "If these cap guns are illegal, surely it must be against the law to sell them.

"How many other innocent children have been similarly charged by police."

On Friday, the Sunday Herald Sun was easily able to buy a cap gun from Dandenong Market, identical to the one brought by the boy. A variety of other cap guns, now deemed illegal under strict new gun laws, was also available for sale to children. Most sell for \$5.00 or less.

The proprietor of the toy stall, who did not want to be identified, said he has sold hundreds of the toy cap guns to children in recent months. "I always sell more over the school holidays." He said. "Mostly kids aged between nine and 12 buy them. They are cap guns and I am not the only one selling them. "You can buy them in milk bars and toy shops all over". He said it was ridiculous the boy had been charged after buying the cap gun.

"Surely, they (police) have better things to do with their time," the stall operator said. He said he would not withdraw the guns from sale. "Why should I be the one to be picked on?" the stall holder said. "A couple

of weeks ago police came to my stall, looked at the cap guns and said there was not a problem. "Suddenly now they say there is a problem."

Police last night confirmed almost 100 prohibited weapons including knives and sling shots, had been confiscated from a number of stall holders at Dandenong Market on May 2. But police said cap guns had not been among the weapons seized. The boy could face two years jail under section seven of the Firearms Act 1996.

Under this section it is an offence for a person who has not already been banned from obtaining a gun license to possess, carry or use a handgun without a license. The boy, a keen member of a council youth group, was on Friday charged on summons with three firearms offences. The three charges were;

- 1) Being a non-prohibited person did possess / carry a handgun which he did not have a license for under part two of the Firearms Act 1996.
- 2) Being a non-prohibited person did possess / carry a handgun which he did not have a license for under part two the Firearms Act 1966.
- 3) Did own a handgun whilst not authorized by a license under the Firearms Act 1996 to possess a firearm.

The boy was not charged with any other offences. Opposition police spokesman Andre Hasermeyer said last night it was extraordinary that cap guns were deemed illegal to possess but it was not illegal to sell them. "A young person with a bit of pocket money can walk into a toy shop in Victoria, buy a toy gun and walk out of the shop a criminal." Mr. Haermeyer said. "Either toy guns should be banned and not allowed to be sold or there must be some sort of code governing them. "The same child who goes and buys a toy cap gun, which is now deemed illegal, can in Victoria walk into a disposal store and buy a very deadly weapon in the form of a knife and be wholly within the law."

Mr. Haermeyer said the Government still had not correctly written the laws and had done nothing to reedy the anomalies in the Act. "This will remain a stain on this young boy for the rest of his life." Coles Myer and Kmart have already withdrawn toy guns for sale after concerns about the new law. A spokesman for Police Minister Bill McGrath, said last night the minister was waiting for further advice from the police on the case. "People should remember that many crimes are committed using imitation pistols." Spokesman Dieter Lehmann said.

What a situation.

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A Day at the Range – a New Rifle gets a Workout

By: *Bill Kuenkler* (Wkuenk@aol.com)

Well today was the day , the first day, I had to get the Mauser to the Range . Frankly I think my shoulder is broke. That comes from shooting 50 rounds of 30.06 and 30.07 through it. Yes I said 30.07 ! After checking with several sources and discussing the use of this round mfg. in 1972 for military use. It was deemed that it was ok to shoot it in this model. Well for one this Mauser is extremely accurate and kicks like hell with the 30.07 rounds at one hundred yards. Was shooting bowling pins and SS soup spoons :-), Now that's getting down to the nitty gritty on hitting at 100 yards. I would have done better had my

breathing been better today but with a 13 mph cross wind and the shakes I think this rifle acted like a real champ and I could not be prouder. Funny thing is the 30.07 fired better and more accurately than the Remanufactured 30.06 Lake City Arsenal rounds I used. Those were remanufactured by a company named Talon from the military to commercial Springfield loads. All were Full Metal Jacket rounds from both Manufactures.

So all I can say about this one, Ward, is you did a fine , fine job and I am very , very pleased with it. Now if I can learn to shoot it better and not beat myself up with ! :-)

If you have any recommendations on type of new manufactured rounds to use in this I would be very appreciative having that information.

My Best Regards,

Bill

Publisher's Comments

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

OK, so I blew my own horn a bit. In case you hadn't picked it up, the Mauser sporter Bill Kuenkler wrote about was one of my projects. What the heck, it *is* a real beauty, I put a lot of time into it, and as Mr. Elmer Keith is known to have said, "It ain't braggin' if you can DO it." While it's always hard to part with a fine rifle, the capital has gone into a M94 Swede restoration project, and I'm delighted as all get out that Bill is so pleased with his new toy.

Upon further examination, the 98az I described to you all last month is not a "pure" 98az pattern. The stock does not extend close to the muzzle as in the 98az, but rather seems to be cut in the pattern of a k98k. Olson states that some 98b carbines were arsenal reworked to the k98k pattern in the 1930's. Is it possible, then, that some small ring 98az carbines were similarly reworked? If so, I would seem to have one. Working up .338 loads for elk hunting has delayed range tests of this mystery 98 – I should have some shooting done by the August issue, though. The Independence Day weekend scouting I did revealed some great elk numbers in my usual area – looks to be a promising year.

And so, until next month -

Good Shooting!

- Ward