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Reader's comments

Here I go complicating your life again.... But any shooters who may have suffered hearing loss might want to see <http://www.abcnews.com/sections/living/DailyNews/hearingloss980824.html> "New Technique Restores Hearing."

Carl Anderson (candersox@aol.com)

Hi Ward,

My local dealer has what appears to me to be a Spanish Model 1943 in 8mm. On the receiver is the Spanish crest & La Carona and 1955. The bayonet lug also has an auxiliary lug pinned to it. I noticed some pitting at the wood line at the receiver ring. Other than that the rifle looks very good. My question to you and to anyone else is, how strong are these Spanish receivers? How do these receivers stand up to use with the 8mm round? Are these rifles safe to shoot with modern 8mm ammo? What are the good points and bad points about this rifle. What kind of failure could one expect with one of these rifles, Spanish Model 1943, receiver stretching causing the bolt to work hard or not at all, bolt lug failure, etc. Would you think that a catastrophic receiver failure with pieces flying every where is possible? I'm talking military surplus ammo currently on the market.

Thanks

Joe (Rpitt75665@aol.com)

Do you know?

Sarco is advertising (Shotgun News, 1st issue of August, p. 97), "Swedish Mauser Carbine Barrels". The ad says "Original M1894 Carbine Barrels. Caliber 6.5x55. 17.75 inches long. New condition. \$28.50 ...etc.". That's right, under 18".

Any idea whether that barrel might fit and function on a M38 short rifle/carbine?

Seems like it might, but who knows?

I don't really want a barrel that short anyway, but might consider, for the \$\$.

I have asked Sarco, by email, and will share any response from them, but who knows if or when that will be.

While at it, I may as well ask, does anyone know of other current sources for M96 and/or M38 barrels?

Carl Anderson (candersox@aol.com)

Regarding the Brazilian Mauser that the bolt does not pull back far enough, if the ejector is damaged or the wrong type interference with the left locking lug can cause this problem.

John Litt (mauserjohn@webtv.net)

In Reply to: Does Anyone Currently Make Barreled Actions for the 98K? posted by Alberich on August 15, 1998 at 11:30:17:

: I'd like to build a 98K from "scratch". Does anyone make a quality reproduction of the military 98 action?

Yes we do.

I'm the importer for the original FN licensed 98 actions. Build by Dumoulin-Herstal in Belgium.

Starting October 1998 they will be available, maybe earlier, depending BATF paperwork.

The barreled actions come as standard and magnum length. BATF will not approve to import the actions by itself, therefore they only come barreled. Take a look at www.dumoulin-herstal.com

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Found a guy who is starting to make reproduction German scope mounts. I talked to him about including his number in the newsletter. Said it sounded great. His first batch will consist of only 10 mounts to help get him started. His name is Marc and can be contacted at 603-929-0323.

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Politicians are plotting to impose a new tax on the "outdoors," warns Libertarian Party

Submitted by Carl Anderson (Candersox@aol.com)

WASHINGTON, DC -- You won't believe what politicians are now plotting: They want to put a tax on the outdoors.

A coalition of state and national politicians is trying to impose a federal tax of up to 5% on almost every outdoor-related product you'll ever buy -- including cameras, film, bird seed, hiking boots, mountain bikes, skis, and all-terrain vehicles.

"Watch out: Politicians and environmentalists are trying to hit us with a tax that's as big as all outdoors," warned David Bergland, national chairman of the Libertarian Party. "If we don't stop it, every outdoor sport and activity will cost more."

A coalition -- dubbed Teaming for Wildlife -- is now lobbying Congress to impose a so-called "conservation" tax on a wide range of sports and nature-related goods, with the money being funneled back to the states to finance wildlife habitat.

Included on their list of taxable items: Every product that has even the remotest connection to the outdoors, including birdbaths, guide books, tents, binoculars, and all-terrain vehicles. The tax would add up to \$100 to the price of individual products, and would cost Americans upwards of \$350 million.

The tax is supported by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, a dozen state governors, Trout Unlimited, and numerous environmental groups.

The proposed tax may be "green," but it has Libertarians seeing red.

"The problem with this tax -- in addition to the fact that Americans are already massively overtaxed -- is that even if you never set foot outdoors, you'll end up paying more," said Bergland.

"If you look beyond the green rhetoric, you'll see that this isn't really a tax on the outdoors; it's just another tax, plain and simple. For example, if you buy a backpack to carry your books to school, you'll get taxed. If you buy a camera to take pictures of your children, you'll get taxed. If you buy hiking boots to walk to the grocery store, you'll get taxed," he said. "This isn't about the outdoors; it's about taxes."

For Americans who are genuinely concerned about protecting wildlife, Bergland said Libertarians have a proposal that is simpler and cheaper than a new outdoors tax.

"Let those people with a passion for wildlife protection freely and enthusiastically contribute to programs and organizations that effectively accomplish that goal," he suggested. "There are a number of private conservation organizations that do excellent work for the environment -- without the waste, coercion, and inefficiency of the government.

"In addition, let parks, resorts, camping grounds, and nature preserves -- where tourism or recreational activity has an adverse impact on the environment -- charge appropriate fees to cover the cost of wildlife preservation," he said. "This would mean that the people who cause harm to wildlife habitat would help to pay to restore it, rather than relying on a new, expensive, one-size-fits-all tax."

The bottom line, said Bergland: "Libertarians are in favor of conservation -- and that's why we're so eager to help American families conserve their paychecks against new taxes. And Libertarians support green policies -- but not when the only green involved is the color of the money that politicians want to take from you."

Publisher's Comments

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Another summer draws to a close, and days on the range, for the hunters among us, are now spent with an eye towards preparation for days in the field pursuing deer, elk, moose, and what have you. For my part October will find me in the wilds after elk, and several range and practice sessions assure me that if I do my part and bring us on a bull, Thunder Speaker will be up to the task of placing a sure shot.

With that in mind, this month I have brought us the Libertarian Party's warning of a proposed new tax; the tax comes in the guise of a Pittman-Robertson style tax. I for one, question the motivations of the drafters of this bill - exactly this scheme has been proposed by Cleveland Amory's Fund for Animals as a means to financing massive deer contraception efforts with an eye towards making human hunting unnecessary. Then their efforts to ban hunting altogether would be one step closer to reality. It does us well, as shooters, to be aware of any potential threats to our freedom.

Also, summer has brought us the usual slowdown in contributions to the Monthly - it's been a little slim lately, folks! Let's share some experiences, tips, and projects, funny shooting and hunting stories, and whatever else! It's all of you that makes the Monthly work, remember.

And so, until next month -

Good Shooting!

- Ward