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Reader's comments

Ward,

As I understand it Forster and Clymer neither can supply headspace gauges for the 7.65 X 53 Argentine. Do you know of a source?

Thanks,

Bob Arthur (boba100@aol.com)

There's an interesting bulletin board that's devoted expressly to Mauser information at HTTP:\\www.mauser-werke.com\\mboard. You might want to pass the web address on to your other readers who may not be aware of it.

Regards

Steve Hohenstein (Shohem@aol.com)

Bob (Bob Arthur)

Good news - I think you have a real 94 carbine this time.

Bad news - The chances of finding the band and nose cap seem to be slim. I have had a stock for about six years and have tried to find the missing front parts and hand guard without success. It may just be I have been in the wrong place at the wrong time. I have run across three stocks over this period of time but no metal parts.

Recommend you find metal parts first. If you find the rest I may be able to work out a deal for my stock, unless I find the metal parts before you.

Good luck

Al Castle (Maxeyglass@aol.com)

If anyone is looking for a knowledgeable and fair gunsmith to work on a Mauser I have the man. I purchased a Colombian Mauser action marked R FAMAGE out of SGN a while back. After doing some research and making some phone calls, I came upon Brian "Keith" Sipe of The Montana Rifleman. I had decided on building a .416 Taylor, .458 Win Mag necked-down to .416 a blown out a bit. Brian didn't have the reamers but said he would split the cost with me. I must say that I am more than impressed with the quality of work he performs, his willingness to talk and answer questions and the turn-around time to get the job done. I am nothing less than satisfied with the work he has done on the action and with the preliminary results from his barrel.

I have finally acquired a chronograph, better late than never I guess, and have worked up some loads with Barnes 325gr bullets. I work in a refinery in S. Texas and have been working straight for the last two months. As a consequence, I have been unable to make it to the range to try them out. When I get the opportunity, I will send the load and performance information.

I have also purchased a 1904 Verguerio, still haven't fired it despite the fact I've had it for 6 months. Anybody out there have some range time with one of these?

The day before yesterday I finally broke down and ordered a 96 Swedish. I've wanted one for a long time. Can't wait to get my hands on it and put it through the paces. Anybody with some loading info for the .35 Whelen Improved, I would appreciate hearing from them. I'm still in the fire-forming process. Haven't gotten any dies yet.

Already looking forward to next months letter,
Eric Leeton (LeetonE@kochind.com)

I recently purchased a strange K98, with a "tgf" code on the receiver and a date of "1950". It was suggested that it might be a post-war, East German manufacture. I can find nothing about such a gun in Olsen, Ball, or any other reference that I have. When I get time, I will write up a complete description for Mauser Monthly and hope that another enthusiast can provide additional information.

Ross (mrlein@acs.ucalgary.ca)

Mausers Down Under

by: Tom (pikes@ozemail.com.au)

The Swedish Mausers are very popular here for several reasons. First they are fairly inexpensive. A sporterized one with scope and synthetic stock can be bought for about \$325 in US terms. (in contrast a Browning A-Bolt without scope is about \$1,000) The second reason is that most of our game animals are not that big. We do have some Sambar Deer (about like Elk) in Victoria which require a larger caliber and wild horses (brumby's), water buffalo, and wild Camels which should be shot with something larger. But, most hunters go after feral pigs and goats. The 6.5 is perfect for them.

The gun laws have gone badly here but the politicians are feeling the heat and a couple of states are talking about changing the current laws. Under the current laws we have to "Justify" our firearms by having a landowners permission or belonging to a gun club. It depends upon which police officials are issuing the permits. Some are only allowing shooters to have 1 centerfire rifle. It makes it tough to choose between that 22-250 for rabbits, foxes, goats and pigs or the lever action for cowboy action matches. In the eyes of some police officials they are both centerfire and you only "need" one.

Luckily I'm an American and only here for a few years. I hope the shooting in Arkansas doesn't do to America what Port Arthur did to the Australians.

Publisher's Comments

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

Another month gone by! Unbelievable.

Spring is breaking out all over here in Colorado, and the range calls. I've got load development work to do for the 6.5X55mm and the .338 Win Mag! Also a new workshop to get set up. Busy, busy, busy... And, since Colorado insists that big game license applications be in early April, I've got to elk, deer, antelope and bear hunts to plan.

You all may have noticed that the Mauser Monthly is getting a bit thin again... There's a million shooting stories and favorite rifles out there and we've only heard from a few of you, so let's get some stories in! One of my favorite parts of editing the Monthly is reading all of your stories, and I'll admit I've learned a lot! Let's see some stories for the May issue!

If you'll all allow me to get political a moment...

The Jonesboro, AR shootings have given the shooting sports a black eye here in the States. It matters not a whit that the guns used in the shooting were stolen, or that the children that did the shooting had been threatening to "do some killing" for days prior to the shootings. It's time to batten down the hatches, friends, because us law-abiding shooters are going to be blamed for this; and what makes this shooting different is that hunting rifles were used.

I've been saying for years that the catch-phrase kick the anti- shooting sports crowd is on, i.e. "assault weapon" will sooner or later come around to "sniper rifles," and our Mausers will be in the chopping block. U.S. Rep. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has already ranted publicly about "sniper rifles."

Keep your Congressmen's' names and addresses nearby. These folks know that for every letter they get, there are a hundred other constituents that feel the same way...

Once again, until May, Good Shooting!

- Ward