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Reader's comments

I don't know if you saw it. In the new Gun List, 12/24/99, pg. 186, Federal Arms has advertised pre-1898 Ludwig Loew small ring Mauser actions for \$20. Limited quantity. No FFL reqd. (612) 780-8780.

Carl Arvidson (ArvidsonC@aol.com)

I mentioned in an article earlier this year (confessions of a Mauser addict) that 1909 Arg carbines were available; and in the April edition someone asked who might have the 1909s. As of September AIM did. They are at 1.888.748.5252.

Thanks, H.D. Raidel (HKRaidel@aol.com)

Leyteno is back albeit on a borrowed computer. Got stranded overseas and lost my AOL accounts. Got some interesting info on 93 Spanish Mausers issued to Ultramarina soldiers in the Phillipines but nothing of earthshaking importance. There are very few survivors left after all these years and due to draconian gun laws few people are willing to discuss much less show what they have. Am trying to work through police/military channels to get access to confiscated material and will keep you posted. You should be hearing from Delbert and Aimo as soon as they are released from the burn unit. Seems that their newest wildcat ,the 50BMG.17 plasma vaporiser as chambered for the M71 Mauser had a few problems with pressure. Aimo is OK but Delbert is a bit annoyed at being called Three-finger Del. I'm off again next week but can be reached at Bumpapa@ormocnet.net.ph after 3 DEC 99. Aimo is working on a new wildcat for the '96 Swede based on a necked down Lahti 20mm case for a .223 55 grain Speer FMJ. He claims at least 5750 fps but I am unsure whether he is referring to the bullet or the bolt. Will keep in touch LEYTENO@aol.com

I was watching the History Channel last week. They did a very good piece on the Mauser 98 as part of their series on Stories of the Gun. I believe they make videos available of their programs for those who are interested.

Rick Rote (rote@erols.com)

Dear Mr. Clark,

First, thank you for all your work with the newsletter.

I am Stan and I am an addict. I have too many mausers. I have just become the proud owner of a pre-war 8.15X46R target club rifle made by Anschutz. It is in very good shape, missing only a front sight and hand guard. It does not fit in my collection and I need to know what it is worth and how to get it to a collector. I am not a true collector, but I do shoot a lot. I saved this little jewel from sure conversion to a sporter. I do understand the value of good collections, I just can not afford them. I just want to make sure it gets in the right hands and I get a fair market price. If you do not know of a good connection to get a good price, could you print this next time.

Thanks again, Stan (smay@alpha.psd.k12.co.us)

The "New" Mauser-Systeme

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

So, what's Mauser up to today?

This info gleaned from the new Mauser Web site at <http://www.mauser-online.com/home/index.html>:

"MAUSER Defence Systems is the centre of excellence for medium calibre guns, weapon systems and ammunition within the Rheinmetall Group. In 1996, MAUSER obtained the certification according to ISO 9001.

Today, MAUSER is one of the world's leading defence companies. It designs, develops and manufactures medium calibre guns, weapon systems and ammunition.

Currently, the company employs 250 persons, thereof more than 40 employees in the Research & Development area. That is one of the good reasons for the well reputed quality of the MAUSER products and the innovative company structure.

In 1997, sales performance was DEM 64.2 million.

MAUSER has strengthened its international marketing & sales abilities by means of worldwide strategic alliances and co-operations. "

The site lists several new Mauser models, including the following:

MAUSER BK 27

MAUSER has a long established tradition in designing, developing and manufacturing powerful aircraft guns based on the revolver principle.

The MAUSER BK 27 was developed against stringent requirements for NATO air forces.

Range of use

The BK 27 gun-system is installed in the following aircraft:

- Tornado (double and single gun installation)
- Alpha-Jet blisterpod
- JAS 39 Gripen (single gun)
- Eurofighter EF 2000

MAUSER Rh 503

The Rh 503 is the first externally powered machine cannon developed in Europe. Its reliability in operation is completely independent of gas pressure level.

The various types of cartridges - the standard 35 mm cartridge and the 50 mm "Supershot" - can be fired without any internal modification of the gun.

Initially, the Rh 503 fires performance improved ammunition of the standardised calibre 35 mm x 228. By merely changing the barrel, the Rh 503 system is capable of improving its performance up to 50 percent by firing a more powerful ammunition in a new 50 mm x 330 calibre, called the "Supershot".

I'd recommend everyone take a look at the new Mauser site.

While they may not be making new hunting rifles for us all to carry afield (and let us be honest, the new Model 96 wasn't all that well received) it's good to see that Mauser's still in the military arms trade. Which was, after all, where Peter and Paul first set their sights, all those years ago in a building in Oberndorf.

Publisher's Comments

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

First, I'll take a moment to apologize for this months' issue being this late. I'm still trying to figure out where November went, and here we are halfway through December already! In any case, the good news is you all only have two weeks or so to wait (and to get new stories and info in) before the next Monthly!

Great to see our old friend Leyteno back with us again – I know we're all looking forward to more tech tips and info, as well as the continuing saga of Aimo and Delbert.

Finally, I'd like to extend the best wishes of the Clark Clan to all of the Monthly readers for a happy and safe holiday season, and a great new year to come!

Until next month, then;

Good shooting!

Ward