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Reader's comments

Hello Ward.

I haven't heard anything about Mauser closing the Oberndorf plant, but I know about the Sigarms deal. Mauser should still be making stuff maybe just closing of the Oberndorf to relocate is the plan.

http://www.outdoorsite.com/press_releases/feb_99_sig_mauser.html

Bill Cavazos (Bill.Cavazos@COMPAQ.com)

In response to Eric's question in last Mauser Mo., Mauser-werke, Oberndorf (the rifle division only) has been bought by Sig-Sauer, and will be closed. I got this info from a Sig-Sauer rifle distributor at a gun show. This individual recently traveled to Germany and got this information first-hand. The other divisions of Mauser, such as auto parts etc. will still bear the Mauser name and banner logo. As you stated in your letter, we at least have millions of military rifles to pick over, sporterize etc.

Incidentally, I recently traded for a BRNO manuf. 1943 (DOT on receiver) M98. My friend was a Lt. Col. in Viet Nam and was given the rifle in the Cosmoline by a S. Vietnamese officer on the day he left Viet Nam to return to the U.S. The rifle is in unissued state, bright bore, good stock, m\m. Interestingly, and why I traded for it, is it has Russian proof marks on the left rec. wall indicating Russian capture, it was apparently given to the Viet Cong by the Russians. I don't know if the Russian arsenal reworked it or captured it when they overran Czechoslovakia, but it ended up in S. Vietnamese army\U.S. hands. All nazi Waffenampt stamps are intact as well as the Russian crossed rifle stamps.

I know this will upset a lot of people but I plan to make a custom .300 Win Mag out of it so will have, stock, barrel, available for a K98 in unissued condition. (no bayonet)

Sincerely,

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Shooting a Unique Swede M94 Carbine

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

OK, the shooting review I've been promising you all...

For any who missed it, my M94 Swede carbine was a garage sale find, in the summer of 1997. For \$100, my wife obtained a nice, although modified, 94 Swede; the receiver was drilled and tapped for a Redfield peep (still attached) and the lower 1/3 of the buttstock amputated and a pistol grip stock somewhat clumsily grafted on, along with an ugly, vented orange rubber recoil pad.

The carbine shot well, however, yielding 2-3 inch 100 yard groups with Sellior & Bellot factory loads.

As I stated previously, the existing modifications gave me a certain freedom of action with this piece. I therefore took the rifle to Tony and Bonnie Comella at the Firearms Service Center in Lakewood; while Tony fitted the 94 with a nice ramped front sight, Bonnie produced a very nice original-pattern stock in Circassian walnut, complete with handguard. The new stock retained the entire pattern of the military stock, right down to the finger grooves, and included all the original metal – nose cap, barrel bands, and so forth. The sole exception was the replacement of the original steel buttplate with a thin black Pachmeyer pad.

The end result was a wonder to see – just close enough to original that you have to look hard to see the modifications. The wood turned out to be a very nice, buttery chocolate color; rather unusual, and enough figure to be striking. The Redfield peep and ramp front made sighting natural and effortless, even with the shortened sight radius offered by the 17" barrel.

On to the range, this time with handloads using a Nosler Ballistic Tip. The newly refurbished carbine retains the military two-stage trigger; but, as with most Swedes, the excellent quality of the arm made for a clean second stage pull, breaking smoothly at perhaps three pounds. The short carbine barrel made a hefty bark, but recoil was mild.

Better still, the handloaded 6.5 ammo turned in 2" groups fairly consistently at 100 yards, with the widest spread coming in at just over 3". Not bad for a peep-sighted 17" carbine!

I may still replace the military trigger with a Timney or a Bold modular, as I've had good luck with both in the past on other arms; other than that, the slick little Swede is ready for adventure; it seems the perfect medicine for stalking deer in timber.

Publisher's Comments

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A thin month again, this time around; but over North America, we have hunting seasons opening soon, and I'm sure a few of you at least are looking over gear, scouting, and doing range work in preparation. When the hunts are over, be sure to relay any good stories our way for the next Monthly!

One point for next month; if anyone has seen or handled one of the new (and now, it would seem, defunct) Mauser 96 straight pull rifles, I'd like to publish another review. The initial reports on this rifle were less than pleasing – does anyone have another viewpoint?

Also, as stated, this month was a bit thin – we've had a few people contributing a lot of info, but I'm certain that a lot more of you out there have some great tales to tell. As you get a few minutes, type them up and send them in – the Monthly depends on all of you to keep going! It's your newsletter, and it wouldn't be possible without all the great material I get from all corners of the world from all of you. Keep it coming!

Until next month, then;

Good shooting!

Ward