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**Reader's comments**

Submitted by Carl Arvidson (ArvidsonC@aol.com )

The fellow I use for work on Mauser actions is John Westrom, at EZ Tool in Des Moines, Iowa. He can pretty much do anything that is possible to a Mauser, and I can vouch for his work. He is neither slow nor fast...he takes as long as is required for the complexity of the job.

If you are going to go with a Dakota cartridge, the chamber reaming and head spacing can be done by Ward Dobler at Dakota arms. He is fast on chambering and head spacing, and very fair about price.

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I have a custom Mauser ('98) that I have enjoyed quite a bit. It is in 300 Dakota, and produces velocities that are just a shade less than the 300 Weatherby (but more than the 300 Winchester).

I had my Mauser extensively reworked (heat treated, resurfaced, locking lugs lapped, etc), but it is a joy to use.

I put a different magazine/trigger guard assembly on mine: PM Enterprises.... looks better...works better with the fat, beltless 300 Dakota cartridge.

Here is another idea. I took an Interarms Mark X action (the short action for the 308), and sent it to the same gunsmith. He is putting a tang (sliding) safety on it, and rebarrelling it in the wildcat 257-284 (the parent case is the 284.) I got a slim (featherweight) barrel for it. This should be a real joy to shoot when it is finished. All the velocity of the 25-06 in a short action. Look out sheep....

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Ward,

Just a note to let you know that I am getting the newsletter way the hell over here. Will be heading home pretty soon and will give you my US address. I think I saw something interesting the other day. There is some sort of Military Guard Unit here all dressed up in Spanish era uniforms w/spiked pith helmets (I do NOT lisp!) carrying what appeared to be 93 Mausers. I won't have a chance to follow this up on this trip but will do so next visit with a view to do some serious research. Need to make contact with some old friends in the Military first. Sorry about Delbert and Aimo, but I haven't been in touch with them for some time. After Delbert's last wildcat experiment disaster I understand he is looking for a thumb trigger rifle. Keep up the good work.

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Hi Ward,

I have posted my latest gun show table pix and also an updated list. Click on the URL below my sig that has "gunshow" in the title. Please feel free to use any or all of these pieces offered in the next Mauser Monthly.

Thanks,  
Steve Ashe

P.S.: My M-1909 Argentine Carbine in 7.62x39mm is nearing completion at my gunsmith's. I have not pushed him to finish this piece, as the project has had not reason for a rush job. He is working on the project in between other customer's jobs.

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This is a new British online shooting magazine. Haven't had time to have a good look at it yet but it may be worthy of support. Take a look and see what you think.

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Response to Brent Davis, from last month:

<One more thing, I'm new to reloading and I read that brass for the 6.5 made in the US is from 30-06. Has this been a problem? What is a good source for brass that doesn't burn the pocket too much? Thanks!>

I purchased some Swede ammo from Cole Distributing made in Portugal by Indep. Headstamped FNM 6.5X55 MATCH, this stuff is new production, boxer primed, non-corrosive, annealed necks, with a 143gr FMJBT bullet. My cheesy dial caliper shows the case head is 0.007" larger than an LC 53 30.06 round. It shot a tighter group for me than the surplus Swede ammo I picked up from AIM. Comes in 20 rd cartons. I paid \$329.95 for 1K delivered, and I like this product. See the internet specials page at: <http://www.cole-distributing.com>

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**A Unique 94 Swede**

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A long overdue write-up regarding my 94 Swede conversion!

A technical (computer) note, first – please let me know if the graphics come through on the rtf system, as this is the first time I've tried this particular trick. For ASCII subscribers, I've bundled the text and graphics in a zip file – if anyone has any problems, let me know. If this works, I'll cheerfully start including artwork with any and all Mauser Monthly submissions!

The 94 Swede pictured here was my wife's find, actually; while looking over used furniture at an estate sale, she recognized the Swede action, called me at work, and asked me if I'd be interested in a "short-barreled Swedish Mauser" for \$100. She said it had obviously been modified, but it looked solid.

Well, I'm never very good at passing up an action grade gun, and I figured she'd found an M38 that had been messed with some. I told her to go ahead and grab it.

When she brought the rifle up to work, though, I was surprised to find a modified but very sound M94 carbine. The carbine had the muzzle extension common to earlier American import guns, the bayonet lug was removed, a Redfield peep sight installed, and some ham handed individual had sawed off the bottom 1/3 of the buttstock on a line from just behind the trigger guard to about 1/3 up from the toe of the stock, and grafted on a pistol grip that appeared to be from a shotgun; a thick, red ventilated rubber pad crowned the effort.

I was pleased, nonetheless; the action was very sound, the carbine shot very well, and with this piece I now had a "latitude" for action that I wouldn't have dared with an original.

Next step was proceeding forthwith to visit my own Mausersmith, Tony Comella of the Firearms Service Center in Lakewood. Tony's stockmaker wife, Bonnie, happened to have a lovely piece of Circassian walnut in the shop, awaiting a buyer; ducking my wife's notice, I shelled out the going rate for the wood, and Bonnie proceeded to craft an original-pattern M94 stock. The only departures from original pattern was the replacement of the missing steel buttplate with a thin black Pachmeyer pad, and the omission of the rear sight aperture in the handguard. While Bonnie crafted the stock, Tony replaced the "clunky" front sight with a streamlined ramp front.

The results were nothing short of marvelous, as the pictures show:



And better still, the 17.5" tube manages 2" 100 yard groups with 100-grain Nosler Ballistic Tips. A pretty healthy bark from the short barrel, though – when firing the M94, adequate hearing protection is advisable!

The moral of the story? It's easy to be chagrined when you find a nice military collectible that's been desecrated by some unknowing individual – but every cloud has a silver lining, and the chance to produce a unique custom arm is often the bright spot!

This fall, I may tote the M94 afield in search of Colorado mulies. While the full military stock, handguard and nose cap make the little Swede a trifle barrel-heavy, it is nevertheless a quick, handy rifle with all the precision necessary for clean, sure 200-yard shots on deer. It ought to be fun!

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**Publisher's Comments**

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A sort of a slow month – I'm sure it's mostly because a great number of you are on the ranges and in the shop,

turning out projects and working up loads, all the better to form more grist for the Mauser mill next month. Write 'em up, and send 'em in!

With a little luck, the graphics test in this issue will work out well, and we'll have a whole new media to explore in the pages of the Mauser Monthly. Isn't technology great?

And along those lines, I'm considering making the Monthly a Web presence; posting the Monthly on a Web page, either in addition to the mailing, or in lieu of; most likely in addition. Depends on, well, domains, costs, and so on.

I'm ashamed to admit that the only project I have going at the moment is a non-Mauser; the latest find was a \$200 Remington 700 in .30-06. The Remington (I guess it's basically a "Mauser clone" in most respect, anyhow) had lost most of its bluing and the stock was in bad shape; however, a nice black fiberglass stock was available at a great price; the Remington is being polished and reblued, to be pressed into service as a "loaner" for my various friends who venture to Colorado for a try at elk hunting. Many folks from Eastern states don't possess suitable elk hardware, it seems; and though my various ventures, I'm proud to say I've made friends in the shooting/hunting community all over the place!

In the meantime, as you pursue your various Mauser-related projects and pursuits, remember your fellow Monthly readers, and don't keep the info to yourselves!

Until next month, then;

Good shooting!

Ward