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Reader's comments

Hello Ward,

The graphics came through very well, nice addition to the Newsletter. Thanks for all your good work.

I still have a M48 Yugo around if anyone is interested, and sure need the space after finding my Iranian carbine....

Regards,
Nick Van Vonno (nvanvonn@intersil.com)

Ward, Thanks for the latest. What a beautiful job on the '94 carbine!!

I've just finished a .308 conversion on a Peruvian '98. Short 19.5 inch Douglas barrel in a Butler Creek synthetic stock. Tasco World Class 4 power scope in low Warne QD rings. Bolt handle and two-position side safety done by my friend Alan Carr and an ex Sako trigger. First time I shot it at the range it put four rounds into .75 inch and then I pulled the fifth shot making a 1.25-inch group. Boy was I pleased! I took it goat hunting last week but didn't get a shot. This weekend I'm after red deer but will probably use my 6.5x55 "Scout" which has yet to down it's first deer. Best regards,
David M. (davidmac@paradise.net.nz)

Reference material for next month. I will be starting to cut metal on the first batch soon. Even though I am still waiting for the license. I can take them through several preliminary machining stages as I try out tooling and methods.

I have finalized the specs so if you feel anyone might be interested I can shoot these to you.

Recently been diagnosed with lung cancer of a particularly nasty (Small cell) type. But am undergoing chemo and radiation and intend to beat it!! If anything it has speeded the project up. But order early, there may not be many follow up batches!!

Robert Barstow (teenut@hotmail.com)

The Allure of Mausers

By: Rick Rote (rote@erols.com)

I have been collecting, selling, and giving away Mausers for the last 10. I have been able to supply my children (boys and girls), brothers, son-in-laws, and friends with sporterized Mausers of one kind or another. I mainly buy

actions and then build a sporterized rifle from parts that I pick up at gun shows, catalogs, or gun stores. There are lots of sources for all the needed parts, with the largest cost being to have the barrel installed and headspaced.

I have asked myself many times why Mausers when I can buy a new rifle for about the cost of doing it my way. There are several good reasons that come to mind.

1. These rifles are a part of history with the design standing the test of time 100 plus years.
2. When I give someone a Mauser of mine, I am giving that person something that I have personally worked on - hand fitted the action to the stock, hand finished the stock, and I do some of the metal work (file down the bridge and drill & tap for scope bases).
3. I am giving something they can keep and use for their lifetime or pass on to their children.
4. Finally I simply enjoy passing my passion for one of the best rifles ever built, on to someone else.

I have several Mausers that I will never give away, an Erfurt a GI brought back from WW2 and an Argentine 1909 I rebuild with a 20 inch 7x57 barrel that is really light & handy in the woods. But I am always looking for a new project to start that I can start to pass on to someone else, such as a 257 on a 94 action for my wife or a 30-06 for our first grand son. I believe I will be busy for at least the next 25 - 30 years.

Publisher's Comments

By: *Ward M. Clark* (wardmclark@home.com)

A tight month, this! Not unusual for the summer months, but there's a lot of you out there we haven't heard from yet – and I'm sure you've all got a lot to share with your fellow Mauser mavens!

First note – our thoughts and prayers go out to Robert Barstow and his family. It seems they have some difficult times ahead, but we'll keep a candle burning here! Robert, we'll do our best to help you pull through this – and you've certainly got a positive attitude, which is perhaps the most important thing!

The latest find in the Clark gun rack is a Mauser contemporary – a vintage 1890 or so Colt Lightning in .38-40. Well, a fellow needs a little variety now and then, right?

Summer has come to the Rockies, and it's time to begin scouting for this year's deer, elk and bear hunts – having failed to draw for antelope this year, I've now got more time to finish my 1909 Argentine/heavy barrel 6mm Remington project. The fun never ends!

Until next month, then;

Good shooting!

Ward