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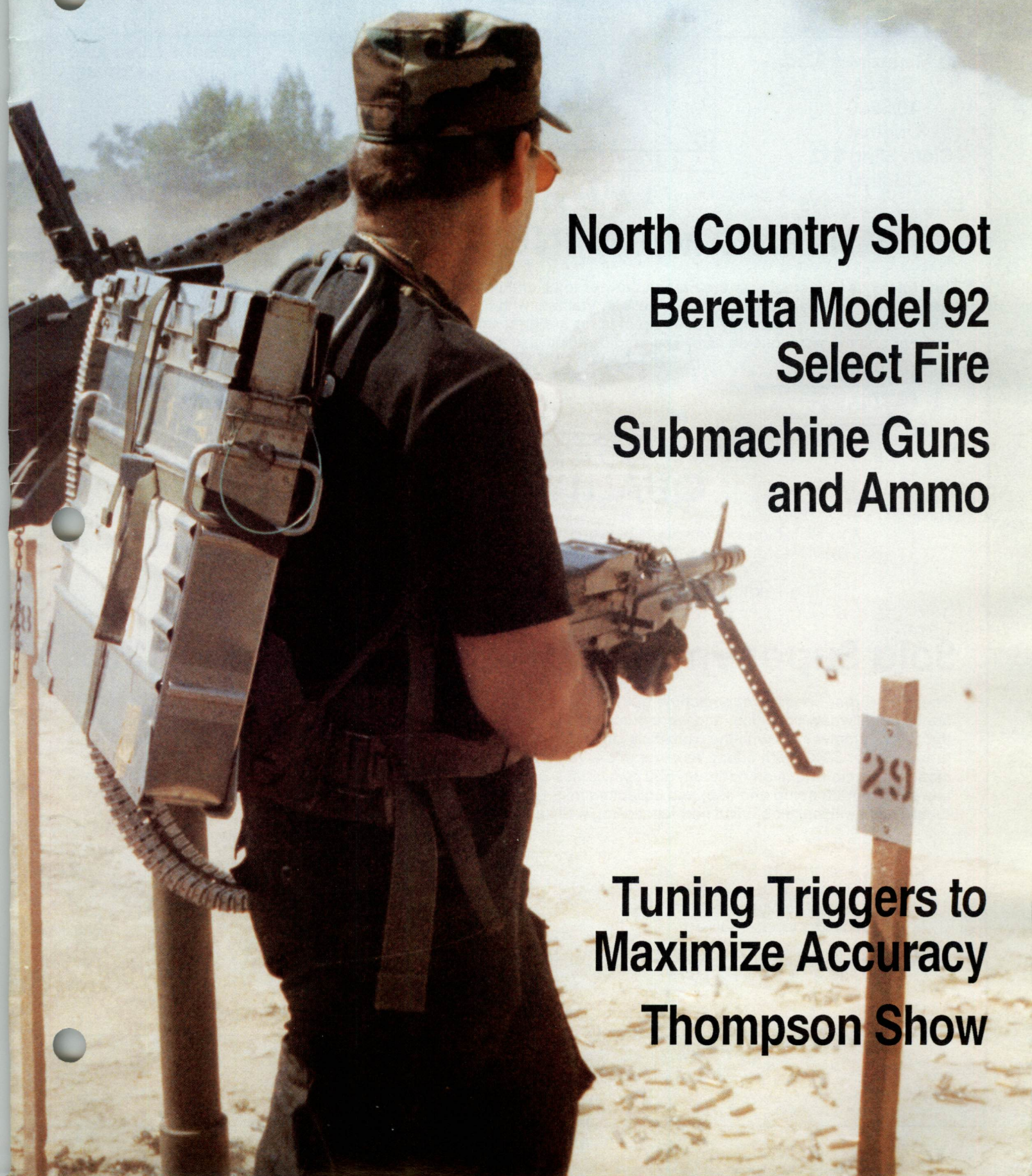
North Country Shoot

**Beretta Model 92
Select Fire**

**Submachine Guns
and Ammo**

**Tuning Triggers to
Maximize Accuracy**

Thompson Show



LONG MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS



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Original

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Some
Post 86 Dealer
Samples
By Stan

FOLDING MACHINE GUN PARTS KITS!!!

The Hotchkiss Universal was the French answer to all of the WWII smg problems. These were 1949 models-same year as the MAT-49, and saw extensive use in Vietnam with French Special Forces. These are from the Moroccan Elite Troops, who just recently traded them in for 3rd generation sub-guns. Not only does the stock fold, but the mag well and the pistol grip do also. The magazine locks to the receiver, and the barrel retracts!!!!

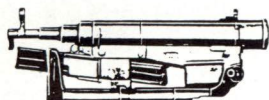
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Select kits: \$134.95 ea



9mm

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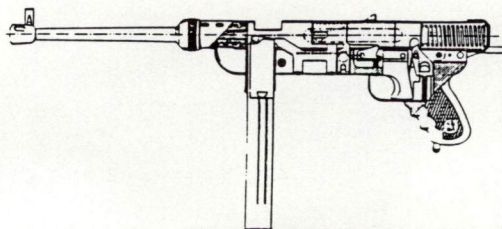
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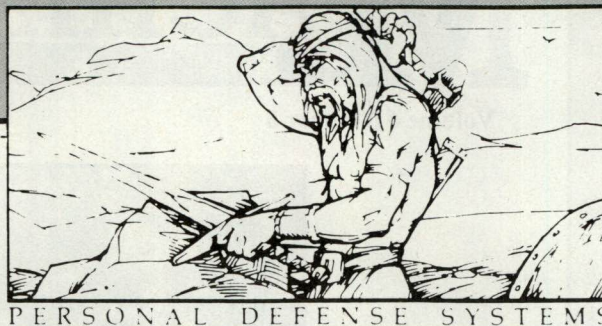


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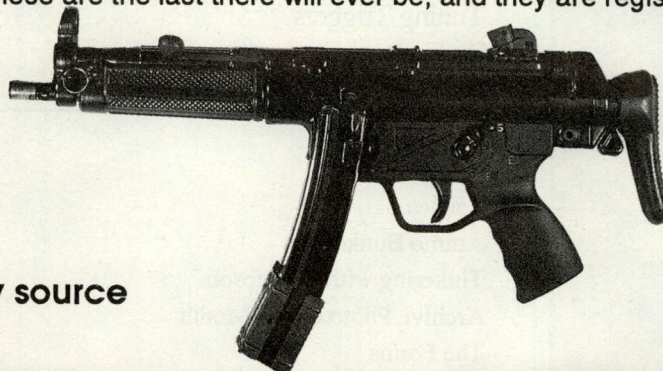
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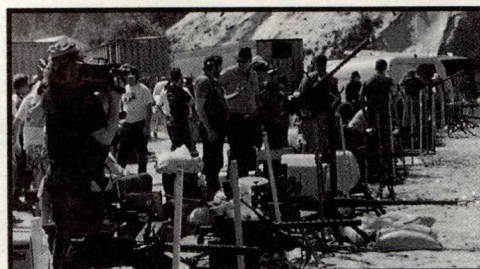
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On the Cover: Rob Haitmanek fires his backpack fed M60-E3 at the North Country Shoot. Photo: Carl Silver

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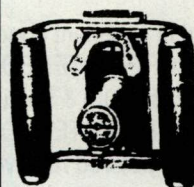


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Complete w/Tripod, Pintle, T&E. Test Fired
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Bren 8mm 20 rd Mag \$ 45
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MP28 20 rd \$ 35
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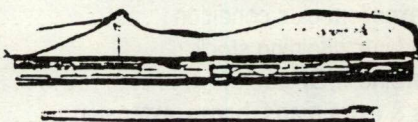
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K Mfg. \$350
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Rheinmetall Mfg. \$850

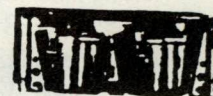
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MP28 Receiver & Part Set Amnesty	\$ 1250.00
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MK II Sten Receiver only	\$ 350.00
MK I Austen W/Spare mags	\$ 1500.00
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PRE MAY DEALER SAMPLES

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M39 Lahti 20mm Anti-Tank gun in excellent condition with spare parts and accessories. Ammo available at additional cost. \$2,200.00

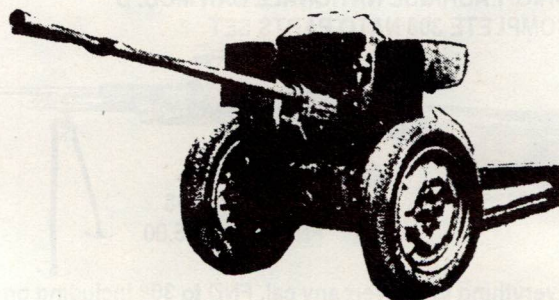
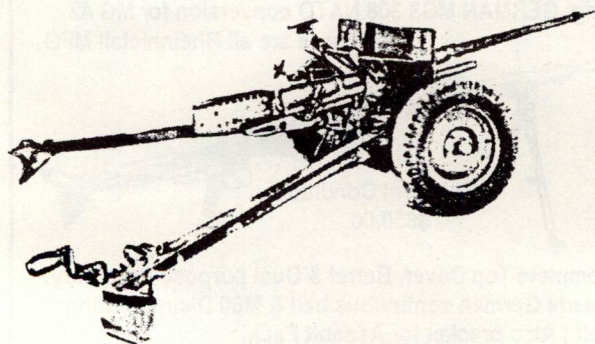
French Model 1934 Hotchkiss 25mm barrel and breech in excellent condition. Carriage in good condition tires fair. Ammo available at extra cost. \$2,500.00

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M79 TRW 40mm Launcher in excellent condition. Practice rounds available at additional cost. \$2,500.00

Boyes Anti-Tank rifle, Inglis manufacture, bipod, harmonic muzzle break, converted to .50 caliber, 2 converted magazines excellent condition. \$3,000.00

Japanese 20mm Oerlikon air craft gun in very good condition. \$1,000.00

British 3" Mortar complete with base plate, bipod, sight and case. Very good condition. \$850.00

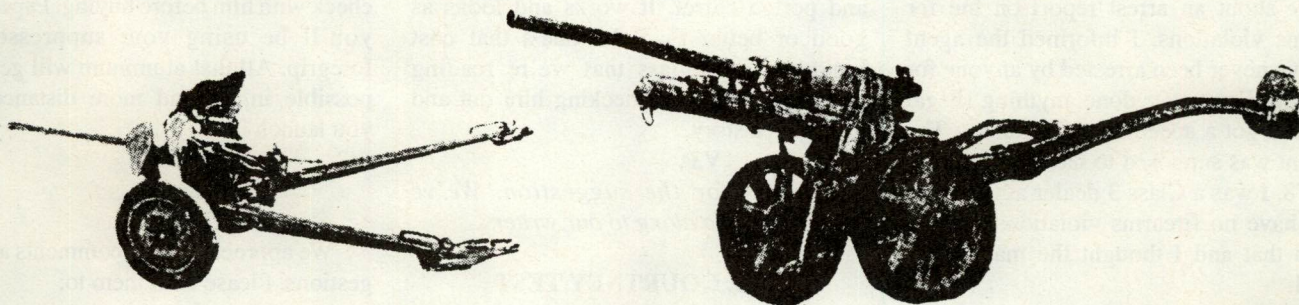
British 6 pounder (57mm) Anti-Tank gun. Great for use as a monument or for vehicle parade use. No breech ring. No paper needed. \$2,500.00

US M9A1, 2.36" Rocket Launcher in excellent condition, non functional, no paper needed. \$750.00

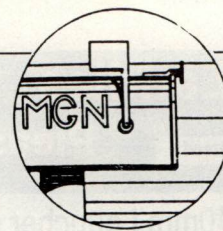
US 106mm Recoiless Rifle complete with M79 tripod fully restored to excellent condition. Non functional, no paper necessary. There is an M8-C spotter rifle mounted, that is also non functional. \$4,500.00

US M1A1 2.36" Rocket Launcher, non functional, no paper needed. These are original issue in very nice condition. Just a small number left. \$650.00

French 88mm Rocket Launcher, Post WWII Indo-China period. Complete with optical sight, non functional, no paper needed. Very good condition. \$175.00



Incoming



DUPLEX AMMO

Where can I buy Duplex ammo in 30.06, .308 and .223? What about loading data?

D.C.

Orange, Calif.

Duplex is sometimes available at many gunshows from exotic ammo dealers such as Joel Rector of Horizons Unlimited. The following specialty loaders offer some form of duplex or multiplex ammunition. J.D. is currently finishing up an evaluation of the Power Plus line of multiplex ammunition. He is also working on evaluations of Blammo Ammo and High-Vel offerings as well.

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CRIMINAL RECORD?

I would like to share this little experience with you. I work in a job which requires a security clearance. A couple of months ago, I was questioned by the issuing agency about an arrest report on me for firearms violations. I informed the agent that I've never been arrested by anyone for anything. I've never done anything illegal (except I got a speeding ticket once). The incident was supposed to have taken place in 1978. I was a Class 3 dealer at that time and I have no firearms violations. He accepted that and I thought the matter was closed.

Now, just recently I have applied for an NFA firearms transfer on a Form 4 (I'm no longer a Class 3) and it pops up again. I

received a letter from the examiner asking me about this 1978 arrest. I called her up and told her the same thing, that I've never been arrested for anything.

From what I can get out of them, apparently, I was speaking to some guy back in 1978 about automatic weapons. It appears, for some unknown reason, he didn't believe I was licensed and called BATF. BATF, apparently, knew I was a licensed Class 3 and never contacted me. I never even knew anything happened until fourteen years later. Somebody, somewhere, (who knows!) misinterpreted information or something and compiled a record on me. I guess the way it works is if some stupid jerk calls BATF on you, even though you've done nothing wrong, you get a criminal record out of it. Now it appears this false ghostly report is to haunt me the rest of my days and I will be required to explain myself.

This is a good example of what we can look forward to with the waiting periods and background checks on all firearms. All they have to do is compile some false report on you and then it is up to you to take them to Federal Court and prove your innocence, which incidentally, I've been informed by a lawyer would cost me \$2500 and up.

J.D.

SUPPRESSORS

How come we never hear about the little guys in your magazine? For instance, Roy at G.U.N. Technology has been making silencers for the last seven or eight years. I'm not talking about a screw on can, but an intrical[sic] silencer over a machined and ported barrel. It works and looks as good or better than the one's that cost hundreds of dollars that we're reading about. How about checking him out and giving us a story.

V.P.

Thanks for the suggestion. We've passed the idea along to our writers.

THE COURTNEY TEST

As always I want to congratulate Dan, Vida, Chris, and those unnamed others that

put together all the "Good Stuff" in MGN. It gets a cover to cover workout when it gets here and I am always rereading old issues.

I'd like to comment on a product mentioned in your June '92 issue, the Blaylock AP/9 9mm submachinegun suppressor. (Blaylock Gun Works, P.O. Box 1426, Gun Barrel City, Texas 75147).

I bought mine back in February '92, sight unseen, after a long talk with Dale Blaylock over the phone. He is a great source of information.

I had thought of buying a lightweight aluminum model, but the AP/9 sounded like such a rugged unit with its steel tube and baffles.

When I got it I took it apart and checked it out. A good, rugged, user serviceable unit. But naturally the true test is in the shooting. I don't have a decibel meter, (I wouldn't know how to use one.), so I used the Courtney Test. I stood on my buddy Dave's back deck while his daughter Courtney slept just inside an open window. No problem, naptime intact, I like it.

Well I called Dale Blaylock today and thanked him for making such a rugged unit after I launched mine off my MP-5 this weekend. I hadn't fully engaged the S.C.R.C. 3 lug lockup and a 147 GR FMJ caught the first baffle at 1000 FPS pushing about a third of it into the first expansion chamber and ... That's it! No bulged or ruptured tube, no chasing parts and pieces downrange, no rattle of parts when I picked it up. After disassembly and assessing the lack of damage to suppressor and weapon I proceeded to put another 300 rounds through it, with no problems.

I recommend the product and the man, check with him before buying. Especially if you'll be using your suppressor as a foregrip. All that aluminum will get you is possible injury and more distance when you launch it!

Thanks,
Mario

We appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please mail them to:

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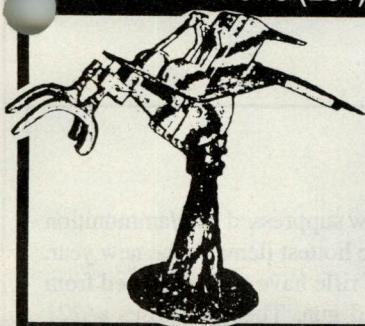
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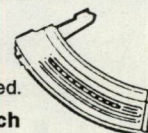
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What's New

by CHRIS A. CHOAT



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Dale Blaylock has just introduced a new suppressed rifle/ammunition system that promises to be one of the hottest items of the new year. Called the .300 Whisper, the new round and rifle have been designed from the ground up to be the ultimate suppressed gun. The round uses a .221 cartridge that is necked up to .308. It is available in four loadings, two suppressed loads and two loads that are primarily for non-suppressed guns. The two suppressed loads feature 220 and 250 grain Sierra boat tail hollow point bullets that exit the muzzle at approximately 1050 to 1070 feet per second. One of the non-suppressed loads uses the Nosler 125 grain Ballistic Tip bullet at a velocity of 2283 f.p.s.. The other fires a 168 grain boat tail hollow point at 1900 f.p.s.. Two new rifles are being made for the new

round. The first is just for the suppressed loads. It is based on the Remington 700 action, new stock and is integrally suppressed. The second rifle is called the M-16/C30. This rifle is an M-16 modified to fire the new round. It will be available in either suppressed or non-suppressed versions. It features a adjustable 4-position gas regulator system to vary the cyclic rate from 400 to 700 r.p.m.. The gas system can also be closed off for manual cycling to eliminate all action noise on the suppressed model. The .300 Whisper round and rifle were designed in a joint venture by both Blaylock and J.D. Jones of SSK Handcannon fame. For more information on this exotic new system contact Blaylock's Gun Works, Dept. MGN, 172 Autumnwood Trail, P.O. Box 1426, Gun Barrel City, TX 75147. Phone: 1-903-887-2655.

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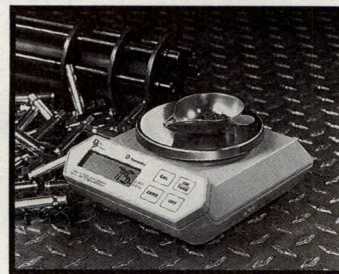


scope mount base and a platform for a laser sight is built right into the stock. When fired, the guns highly efficient muzzle brake reduces the recoil by about 1/3. The remainder is absorbed by the barrelled action recoiling within the stock/main tube assembly. The manufacturer claims MOA accuracy or better. Watch future issues of MGN for my article on this revolutionary new .50! For more information or to place an order contact, Ronald E. Sugg, Dept. MGN, 7800 Castlecomb Road, Powell, TN 37849. Phone: 1-615-938-3439.

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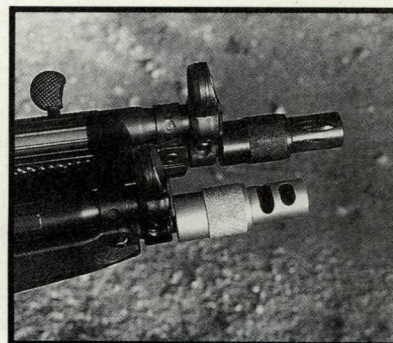
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A new compensator for the H&K MP-5 was introduced at Knob Creek in October. The new compensator is the product of Anthony Marfione of B&B Gun Shop. Called the Dual-Port Competition Comp, the new device is made entirely of stainless steel. It is offered in either the bare stainless finish or with a black moly coating. Not only does the comp work very well it utilises Anthony's patented new barrel attachment locking device. The new locking device allow the comp to be attached and removed almost instantaneously yet locks to the barrel with the most secure lock-up this editor has seen. Anthony also offers a copy of the H&K MP-5 Flash-hider as well as an MP-5 sound suppressor with the same locking device. I will be covering these products in much greater detail in an upcoming article very soon. For more information contact B&B Gun Shop, Dept. MGN, 8635 New York Avenue, Hudson, FL 34667. Phone: 1-813-862-6179.



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Raffica

by DAN SHEA

**"YOU OWN A SUBMACHINE GUN,
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-An old Raffician proverb

Here we are, a New Year's issue, three quarters of the way through our sixth year of Machine Gun News. Sometimes I can't believe how far we've come on this strange and interesting journey. I plan on recapping much of it in the next anniversary issue, but, right now I keep thinking of all the neat shoots and shows I've been privileged to attend this year. I guess it's the northern New England winter setting in. Up here, if you want to shoot now, it means half an hour of buttoning up, five minutes of full auto, then two hours of warming up. (Or opening a window and hosing the ice on the sandpile). Hopefully some of our gracious neighbors to the south will start a mid-February shoot to give all of the Northern Rafficians an excuse to come in out of the cold - How about it, guys?

I have received several questions about the "Sputtergun" that was floating around in the early 1980's. A Sputtergun is a Sten gun with no trigger that emptied the magazine as soon as you cocked and released the bolt handle. It was made by York Arms, under the premise that since it didn't have a trigger, it couldn't be a machine gun. BZZZZ. Wrong answer. I don't know how many made it out to the public, but the BATF threw a fit and the project was, how-shall-I-say, short lived. It seems that the bolt handle could be classified as a trigger if it performed that function, making the firearm discharge the "more than one shot with one function of the trigger" that makes it a machine gun. Big trouble - remember this one when you think you have outsmarted the regulations and start selling a "questionable" firearm. The company literature on the old Sputtergun suggested pre-figuring your bursts and setting dummy rounds at strategic places in the magazine- to stop you and then you cock it and let go again. All you three round burst fanatics take note.

Speaking of burst mechanisms, I am most pleased to note that HK is finally hearing what a lot of us machine gunners have been saying for years. They are introducing a 2 shot burst mechanism for their machine guns. (TREXPO, MGN Nov. 1992

issue) This makes much more sense than the three round mechanism. Unless you increase the cyclic rate, that third round is a danger, and usually a waste. Two round burst - instant double-taps, increased hit probability, increased shock delivered, more bursts per magazine, less wild third rounds, and nice for the pin shooters. HK, I salute you. This, I hope, will be a winner for you. It will catch on with the professionals right away.

Over the years there have been a lot of innovative suppressor designs, with one of the major obstacles being quick installation and removal while maintaining a safe firearm. Knight has an excellent click-on model for the Beretta 92F military series, but these are scarce in civilian hands. I got to see and shoot a real neat "click-on" unit for the MP-5 three lug barrel when I was at the October '92 Knob Creek Shoot. It was about 9.5" long and 1.5" in diameter. Installation was sliding it over the barrel, pushing it toward the barrel to depress its internal spring, twisting it and releasing it to lock around the three lug barrel. Basically just a flip of the wrist and it was on securely. I fired it to see if it was loose at all, which would be dangerous, and it didn't appear to move. I heard it fired next to the AWC TAC-9 (an excellent suppressor) and, to the ear, it was too close to call which was quieter. Hopefully, we will have a more authoritative test in an up-coming issue of MGN. I was impressed, but there are far more variables than a bunch of guys standing around at a machine gun shoot can measure. For users who may need a fast installation and removal, here could be your answer. Call Tony Marfione - at (813) 862-6179 for more information. He also has a series of muzzle brakes and flash suppressors for the MP-5 three lug barrels utilizing the same "click-on" style base, and those were interesting to say the least. Try his stuff out- quality made, and he tries hard to give a good product.

Q In reading your column in the September issue I ran across something I couldn't resist commenting on. In the column you stated that a Mr. Vallerand enlightened you with some information regarding the manufacture of the Spitfire SMG. Accord-

ing to Mr. Vallerand the Spitfire was manufactured in Stratford, Connecticut in 1962 and 1963. I believe he is correct about the time frame but every Spitfire I have ever seen was marked Spitfire Mfg. Co. Phoenix, Arizona. I currently have one in inventory, which has a round receiver and takes grease gun magazines. This gun which I purchased from the original owner, was purchased new in Phoenix as a semi-auto and then registered during the amnesty after BATF decided they were machine guns.

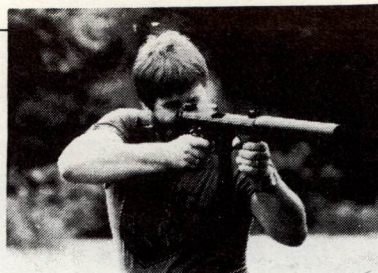
In closing, I have subscribed to your magazine for two years and eagerly await each issue which I read from cover to cover, but the first thing I read is your column.

Mike B.

A Thanks for the input, Mike. That's what this column is for- the gathering and sharing of info about our industry/hobby. I have one made in Phoenix, also. At some point, I hope that each NFA firearm that was produced in any quantity will be able to be featured in these pages. Until then we have to piece together the stories of their manufacture, and any anecdotes involved from the RKI out there. Let's piece together the rest of the story as the next few months' correspondence comes in.

Q I have a few questions I hope you can help me with. Several of my friends and I have M11/9 SMG's with suppressor and are having a hard time finding factory subsonic ammo that will feed reliably in these guns. Most 147 gr. bullets have flat noses or hollow points, and these just do not feed well. We have read about Samson 158gr. (Blue Tip) Ball round nose, but cannot find any. Could you recommend a good factory subsonic round that will work in M11/9's? Also, would the Sampson 115gr. (Black Tip) Carbine rounds be safe to shoot out of M11/9's and MP-40's?

A I'll answer this one real quick, then Raffica is going to start sending these ammo questions to Dutch, who is writing the Ammo Bunker. First, try smoothing the ramp on that M-11, that might be a quick solution. The 115 gr. black tip Samson carbine ammo doesn't exceed machine gun specs, but it is more potent than regular ammo. I would suggest examining your M-



11.9mm for cracks at the rear of the receiver before and after firing, I have seen quite a few M-11's that show stress there, and it would be prudent to pay attention. The cyclic rate will go up, of course. Sources for blue tip subsonic are Action Arms at (215) 744-0100, and F.J. Vollmer had some a while ago - give them a call at 309-663-9494. Dutch suggested Star Reloading in Indianapolis, Indiana - 800-221-5927- they have 147 gr. subsonic 9mm at \$100 per thousand (with the brass exchange). There's cheap shootin'. Factory blue tip is going to be in the \$200 per thousand vicinity.

Q Can the Seecamp LWS 32 be successfully suppressed and still retain a small concealable profile?

Alan H.

A Almost any firearm can be suppressed. Interesting pistol. One possible way to accomplish this would be internally threading the barrel and using an adapter to a muzzle can. Since the nose of the pistol is actually hollowed out to be the barrel, with a slide at the rear, it lends itself to designing an integral suppressor by turning the barrel down, porting it and sleeving it with a baffled chamber. In order to keep the size down, it would be necessary to resort to a design using wipes, or the newer special environment technologies, as exhibited in AWC's Warp 3 and Warp 6. Perhaps AWC would undertake the venture for you as an experimental. These are desirable pistols, and hard to come by. Expensive, too. The Seecamp comes in a .25 ACP model also, which might utilize a physically smaller suppressor - just a thought.

Q My question concerns proper lubrication. Is it better to run a machine gun "wet" or "dry". I see some people totally hose down their gun, while others just use a small amount. Also, if you do run wet is grease better than oil, WD-40, Tri-flow 6 F issue lubricant, etc.?

J.B.

A Lord, let's not get this one started. Sigh. This is a matter of personal preference, and will be argued and never be settled, like that "Less filling, Tastes great" controversy the beer advertisers are so fond of. Here goes. My PERSONAL preference is lightly lubed, then wiped clean, with most machine guns, especially the modern rifles. Obviously some were manufactured to be oiled heavily, the Jap 11 for example. I don't use a grease because machine gun ammo is dirty and most greases will turn into a gritty, gooey mass fairly quickly, impeding proper operation of the

mechanisms. We are not talking about lovingly firing several four dollar bullets out of a Weatherby, then caressing it clean. We are talking about hammering thousands of rounds of military ammo out of a full auto gun while laying in the sand at a shoot. Rails should be well lubed, as should bolts and small moving parts. This will reduce friction, smooth operation, and increase the life of the moving parts. My rule of thumb - If it moves, lightly oil it, if it doesn't, wipe it lightly to dry. Long term storage (years) is Cosmoline, short term is LSA. Operation is LSA in rifles, Break-Free on the bolt carriers. Break-Free on the sub-guns. Fluid Film does a nice job on the sub-guns also, it seems to coat better, you can hear the cyclic rate increase when Fluid Film is used. Du-Lites offering is interchangeable with Break-Free in most of my applications. Break-Free and (shudder) WD-40 on the belt-feds. I keep the Browning actions fairly juicy when we are running a lot of belts at a shoot, but all spraying WD-40 on a hot Browning barrel does is vaporize the stuff so every one around you has to breathe it. If you want long bursts and a cool barrel buy a water-cooled. Every firearm has places that should be oiled, and places that should be left alone. Oil up the gas cylinder on an M-60 and watch the malfunctions. The best bet is to look for the manual on each gun you own. I welcome discussion on this one, because I know it's coming anyway.

Q Is it safe to convert flare pistols to fire 12 gauge shotgun shells? What about 20 gauge? I am talking about using a steel insert adaptor in these aluminum or steel frame flare pistols to fire either a 20 or 12 gauge round. If it is safe to do so with some, please mention which ones and tell me the procedure to register them as "Any Other Weapon".

Jack R.

A "Safe" is a pretty relative term, wouldn't you agree? Most of the 37mm flare launchers on the civilian market right now are quickies that are being made cheap and blown out the door as fast as you guys will buy them. Sure, they look like M-203's, but they don't have any of the strengths mechanically. For firing light fireworks and flares they are neat, and Rambo-esque, and yes, I realize not everyone can afford a real M-203 or M-79, while many can't get a signature. Please remember that you are causing these controlled explosions to occur within inches of your face, and the sheet metal most of these flare guns are made out of doesn't have the mechanical strength or engineering to stand up to a 12

gauge magnum. I wouldn't try it for anything.

On the other question - Technology Branch Is calling these inserts that are allowing a shotgun shell into a 37mm a Destructive Device, not an Any Other Weapon. The DD is a \$200 transfer tax, and the AOW is a \$5 tax. Big difference. I haven't gotten it clear from them yet whether the insert can be registered or whether the host 37mm must be the registered part. All these guys selling 37mm to 12 ga inserts at shows are risking arrest if there is a 37mm flare gun in their possession. The DD rating comes from the 37mm barrel being over one half inch in diameter, or the insert being over one half inch in diameter and not for "Sporting Purposes". BATF was not exactly clear which it was.

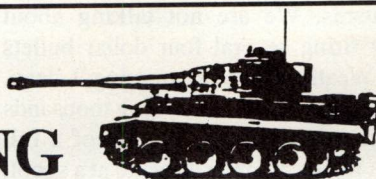
Q We have read, with some amusement, recent articles in MGN on the DeLisle carbine. "Why doesn't somebody make a copy?" is the question asked by MGN readers. We do. In the early 1980's we assisted the Sterling Armament Co. in producing the MK2 DeLisle carbine. Like its predecessor, it was based on the Enfield No 4 action. The weapon was designed as a "takedown" model, the stock and suppressor being detachable. The magazine was cut down, 1911A1 magazine mounted inside the original Enfield .303 box magazine. A unique feature of the weapon is that it "injected" rather than "ejected" the fired cases. The empties being deposited in the rear of the modified Enfield magazine. Although the project was successfully completed, the weapon did not go into production, and only one MK2 prototype was manufactured. At this point, by agreement with the Sterling Armament Co. we acquired the rights to the DeLisle carbine. The design was further modified (for production purposes) and the effective range was greatly increased by the development of high pressure .45 ACP +P loads (1000 fps/230gr FMJ projectile). Production of the MK3 DeLisle commenced in 1987. Limited numbers of the DeLisle MK3 are in service with various foreign governments. Regular production finally ceased in 1991, although small quantities are still manufactured to order. Keep up the good work. Yours Sincerely, G. Felton, Director Law Enforcement International LTD. P.O. Box 162 Wembley Middx, HA9 0AW England Tel # 017-372-5212

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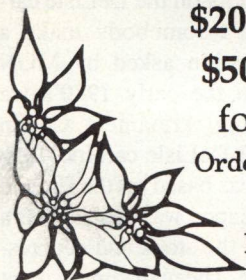
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the opportunity to import one of these into the U.S. for testing and evaluation. Best of luck with the project, It would seem to be something that would continue to be successful if enough were out there with the military and law enforcement community. Class 3 dealers should be aware that Suppressors may still be imported as sales samples, and they are treated as Pre-86 dealer samples- retainable on the ending of SOT status. Police letters are required.

Q This is in reference to the letter from Brad Herrick of Rocky Mountain Arms that appeared in the September. issue. You said he stated that there is a difference between civilian "break free" and the military issue CLP. I have been on active duty in the U.S. Army for the last 13 years. In the early 80's when CLP was initially fielded, I was running a company level arms room at Fort Lewis Washington. The first CLP we received through the supply system was "Break Free", complete with 100% commercial full color markings, the exact same thing I was already buying off base for my own personal guns. It was over a year before we began receiving CLP with military labels that included mil-specs, national stock numbers, date of manufacture, etc. on a generic looking black and white label. But even the military label was marked with the civilian "Break Free" logo and was made by Break Free Inc., San Ana, CA. I have enclosed a label that I pulled from a gallon jug that was sitting in my team room, to this day it still has the same markings. I have not purchased "Break Free" out of pocket in several years, so I will admit that I'm not familiar with exactly how it is marked in the current civilian packaging. I would like to know more about what the difference is between the two is, and what Break Free Inc. has to say about this subject. I am also looking forward to Brad's article on weapon lube.

K. B.

A Maybe the fabled difference is just in the packaging or the military "special pricing". Hard to tell. One thing for sure, any machine gun shoot you go to will show lots of "Emma Gees" hosing their guns with Break Free. It's a standard on my work benches, both in the gun rooms and in the general shop area. I have not received a response from a letter I sent to Break Free asking for the difference, so, on the circumstantial evidence, perhaps we should declare it the same and close the discussion all in favor? All opposed? The Ayes have it, case closed.

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The Ammo Bunker

by *DUTCH HILLENBURG*

Power Plus 12 Gauge Buck & Ball



When people need a **SERIOUS** defensive weapon the handgun and shotgun are the two most practical choices available. The handgun is a fine defensive weapon but its primary appeal lies in its portability and concealability. It is always there when you need it. However, if you have any warning a prudent person will always reach for his 12 gauge and get ready to repel boarders!

Throughout the years, it has been standard practice with most police departments to issue officers a sidearm and a 12 gauge pump shotgun. The feeling was that whatever one couldn't handle the other surely would. That opinion is starting to change not because of the proliferation of "assault weapons" as the media claims but because of a fundamental shift in society. A whole new generation of scumbags has been growing up with murder as the ac-

cepted means of settling any dispute. Cops are the ultimate pragmatists and they are quick to realize that if these cretins are blowing each other away over Reeboks then they are going to start blowing away cops to avoid the inconvenience of getting locked up for five or six hours because some cop just happened to catch them with \$5,000 worth of crack.

The shotgun is a devastating weapon but its range is limited. The British SAS used Number 4 Buck in Malaysia during the early 1950's figuring that the increase in range and hit probability of sixteen .22 caliber pellets outweighed the greater impact of nine .32 caliber pellets in 00 Buck. When I was a Deputy Sheriff we "candycaned" our load by alternating 00 Buck and slugs. It was never really a satisfactory compromise either. You probably aren't going to get a second chance if you miss

and Murphy's Law of Combat says the range will be too long if you fire a buckshot round and you'll miss the machete-armed homicidal maniac ten feet away if you use a slug.

Ideally, the best solution would be to combine a slug and buckshot into a single load. That is exactly what has been done by the people at Power Plus Enterprises in their 12 gauge Buck & Ball round. The Buck & Ball combines a 7/8 ounce slug with six 00 Buck pellets and produces a muzzle velocity of 1350 feet per second. The slug itself is designed to break into three pieces upon impact and thus create three separate wound channels. When compared to either a single slug or the nine pellets of a standard 00 Buck round the Buck & Ball sounds like a pretty good deal to me. My friend and partner in crime, Jim Davidson asked me to assist him in testing

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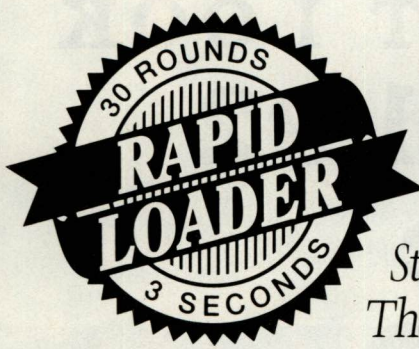
We were quite pleased with the performance of the Buck & Ball ammunition as a compromise between the close range effectiveness of 00 Buck and the long range striking power of a slug. J.D. and I both keep loaded 12 gauge pumps accessible for home defense use and the Power Plus Buck & Ball has replaced No.4 and 00 Buck as our preferred loads. I recommend them highly.

Yes, I use a 12 gauge pump to protect my machine gun collection. Why? Machine guns are wonderful toys but if you ever shoot an assailant with one the repercussions would be unbelievable. Out where I'm from, if you blast an armed intruder with your "hunting shotgun" it will make the local paper but it is doubtful that

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The author fires a pair of converted Beretta Model 92's equipped with 20 round Beretta 93R mags. With one of these mini buzzguns in each hand you had better be ready when you pull the triggers.

EXCLUSIVE - FIRST LOOK Beretta Model 92 Select-Fire

FULL-AUTO HANDGUN

by CHRIS A. CHOAT

Recently I tested the Beretta Model 93-R (MGN-October 1992), a 3-shot full-auto machine pistol. While mastering this weapon requires some training, I came away from the test with a higher regard of Beretta handguns than I had before the test. In the past few weeks my regard for their handguns has been reinforced even more. I have just returned from Maryland where I was invited to test a brand new select-fire Beretta firearm. A firearm, which up until now, Beretta didn't

even know existed! The Beretta Model 92 Select-Fire.

The 92 Select-Fire is a conversion of the basic Beretta Model 92, although the conversion will work on any of the 92 variants that have a slide mounted decocker including the new .40 caliber Model 96. The reason that Beretta doesn't know about it is because they didn't do the conversion. The conversion is the brainchild of Class II manufacturer Bob Burns. Bob told me his original idea was to produce a handgun that

could be fired either full-auto or semi-auto, primarily for the military and police. He has done just that and it works flawlessly.

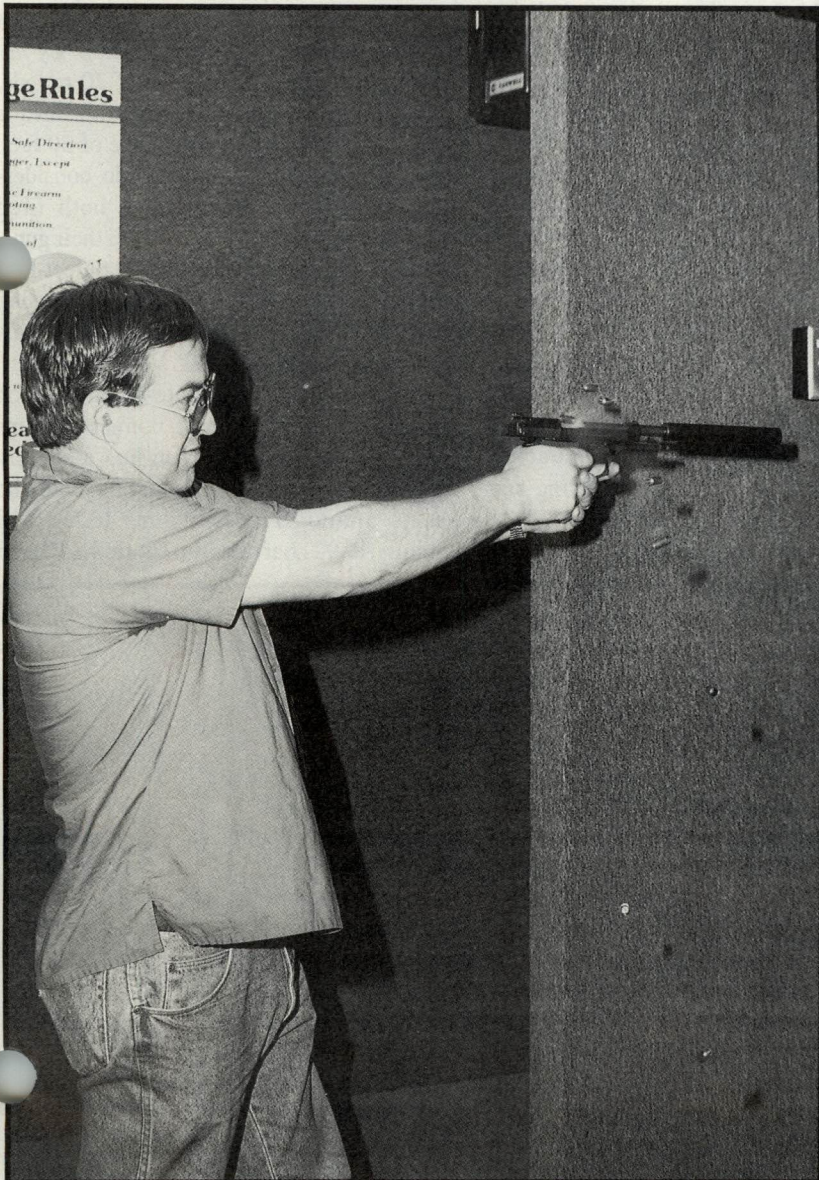
The major hurdle that Bob realizes he must cross will be what I call the "Controllability Factor". In other words, he must sell the idea that full-auto fire from a handgun can be controllable. Even more importantly, a handgun without a stock, I think this article will help do that.

I spent two days in Maryland testing the Beretta Model 92 Select-Fire and meeting

some of the greatest "full-auto" people I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Bob, along with four other partners, own and operate an indoor range called "SELECT-FIRE, INC." and they are all actively involved in the production of the Model 92 Select-Fire. (See more about their range in an accompanying article in this issue.) A separate company, FULLTECH VI, INC., has been formed to market the new gun. Five partners make up FULLTECH VI. They include Bob Burns, Bill Burns, Wayne Nowicki, Dick Hall and Fred Af-feldt.

THE CONVERSION

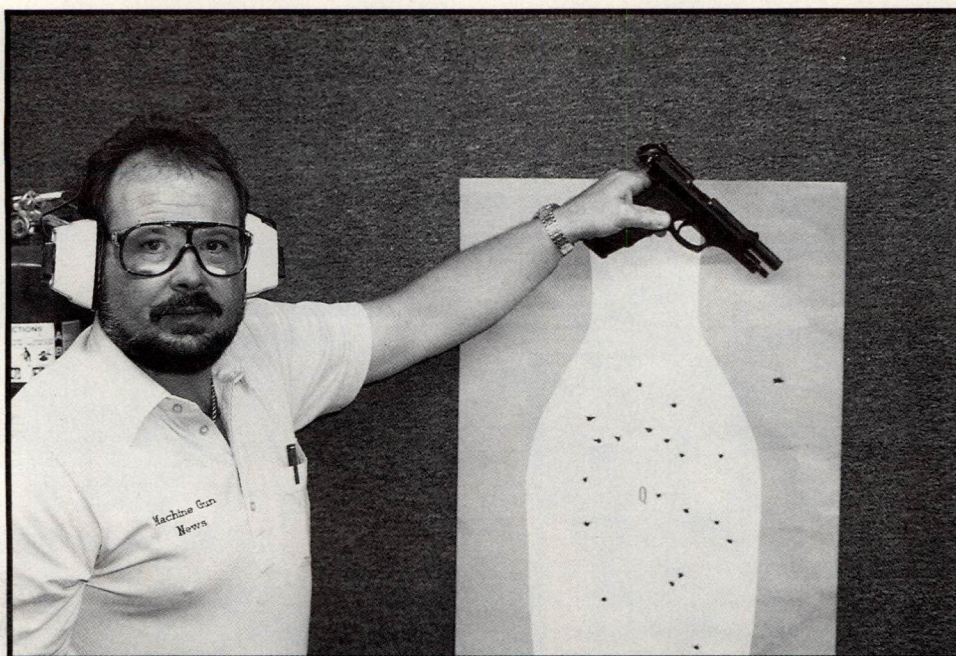
The Beretta 92 Select-Fire conversion requires no additional parts be added to the gun; only extensive modification to several existing ones. A modified set of parts can be installed into a semi-auto gun very quickly. This is a big plus as Bob hopes to possibly interest the military in his new creation. With an armourer controlling (continues)



Top: A sound suppressor is a natural addition to the select-fire Beretta. The gun was tested extensively with AWC's Warp 6 sound suppressor. The gun worked flawlessly with or without the suppressor using several brands of ammunition. Gun disassembles the same as the original.

Above: The conversion uses no additional parts, only extensive modification to several existing ones. The right side "decocking" lever now is used as a selector. The lever is shown here in the full-auto position. Full-auto fire is double action only but a single action version is in the works. The gun shown has been threaded 1/2X28 for using a sound suppressor. The threads are covered by a thread protector.

Left: Bob Burns fires his new creation, the Beretta 92 Select-Fire equipped with an AWC Warp 6 sound suppressor. With a cyclic rate of just under 900 rounds per minute, brass literally pours from the gun. As can be seen in the picture, the gun is very controllable.



The author with a target fired at thirty feet. Using a Beretta 39R 20-round magazine I fired this "group" in one continuous burst. Nineteen out of twenty shots struck the "kill" zone of the target.

the parts sets, existing Model 92's or M-9's could be converted to select-fire in a matter of minutes. Also, very little training is needed to learn the control functions of the converted guns. All controls are the same on the select-fire version as they are on semi-auto guns except the addition of the selector. On the converted gun, the right side decocking lever now becomes the selector as well as still functioning as a decocker.

The sequence to load and fire the gun is as follows. A loaded magazine is placed into the gun and the slide is cycled to place a round in the chamber. At this point the gun will naturally fire in single action mode. If either of the decocker levers are pushed downward the hammer drops to what is referred to as the "decocked" position. On the select-fire guns the decocking levers are actually two separate levers that work independently. The left-hand lever still functions normally as a safety/decocking lever. As stated before the right-hand lever is now the selector but also still functions as a decocking lever. If this sounds complicated it's not. The only difference in working the controls of a select-fire gun verses a semi-auto guns is completed by manipulation of the right-hand decocking lever.

The converted gun will fire single action just as the semi-auto gun will. To fire the gun double action either lever is moved to the decock position, the hammer drops and the gun is ready to go. To switch to full-auto the right hand lever is rotated past the decock position until it is in a vertical

position. The lever has an added detent notch and will snap securely into this position. The gun can then be fired full-auto with "rock & roll" always starting from the double action mode. Plans are in the works to offer conversions that will fire full-auto in the single action mode also. Bob can also stamp the letters "F" and "S" for "fire" and "safe" in the proper places on the right-hand side of the slide for a nominal fee.

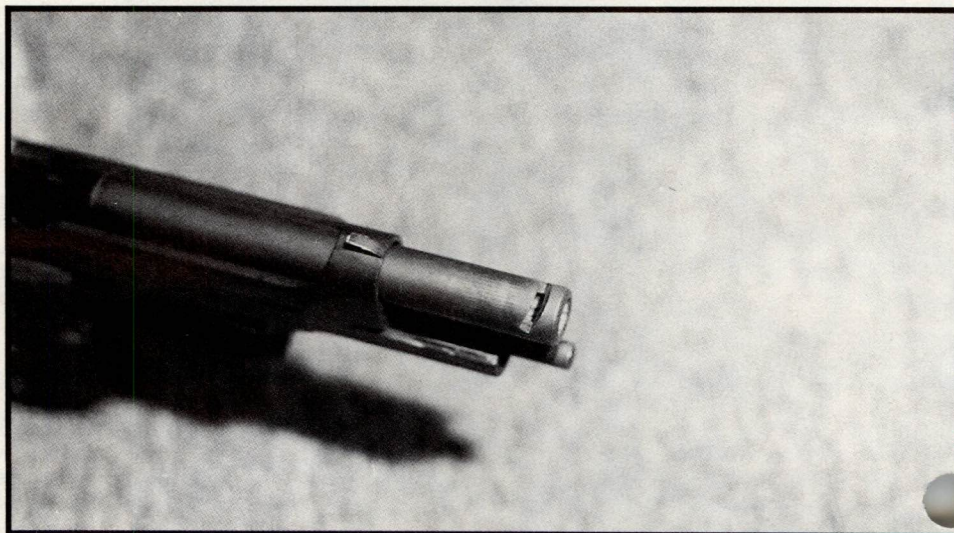
TEST FIRING

Firing the gun for the first time is quite a surprise. With no stock I really thought that firing the gun would be comparable to firing a Mac-11 with the stock retracted. Double action, no less. My first firing session with the gun took place at the Select-Fire, Inc. indoor range. I'm always a little

apprehensive when firing a new full-auto for the first time and this test was no different. I could just see myself extinguishing a few of the overhead lights or taking out one of the target trolleys. This just wasn't the case with the new little buzzgun. I emptied the first couple of magazines firing short bursts to get the feel of the gun. Firing the gun in 3 to 4 round bursts, all rounds could easily be held on target at moderate ranges.

By my third magazine I had a good feel for the gun so a new target was put up and we got down to some serious shooting. Most of our testing was done using Beretta 93R 20-round magazines which fit and function perfectly in all the Model 92's. These magazines protrude from the bottom of the grip about 1 1/2 inches but allow the gun to hold 21 rounds with one "in the pipe". Ammunition used in the test was primarily MAG-TECH 124 grain FMJ but several other brands were also used. All ammunition functioned flawlessly. Basically, if it will feed through a standard 92 it will work in the select-fire version. By my third magazine I put 19 out of 20 rounds, fired in one continuous burst, into a "humanoid" target at a distance of 30 feet. Both Bob and Wayne could do considerably better than that having both fired several thousand rounds through their guns.

Cyclic rate of the Beretta 92 Select-Fire was clocked at 886 rounds per minute using the MAG-TECH 124 grain ammo. This was timed with a PACT Mark III Championship Timer with Rate-of-Fire option installed. Two different converted guns were timed. The other gun had a slightly higher firing rate, at 915 r.p.m. with the same ammo. The two guns tested had standard 92 barrels but both had been



One of the guns tested featured a vented barrel. The 60° vent acts as a muzzle brake. The vented barrel can be added to the gun as an option.

modified. The first gun had been ported by means of adding a 60° slot cut into the top of the barrel about 1/4 inch back from the muzzle. The other barrel had been threaded 1/2X28 for the addition of a sound suppressor. If you can find one the Beretta 93R barrel will also fit and function in the guns.

Bob and Wayne had shot the guns enough that they said they really couldn't notice any difference between the slotted and the threaded barrel as far as muzzle rise and recoil were concerned. Personally, in shooting the two guns, I preferred the slotted barrel and seemed to get smaller full-auto groups with it. I'm not going to try to tell you that the select-fire guns don't have any muzzle rise to them; they do. But it can be managed very easily even by novice shooters. In testing the Beretta 93R I experienced severe muzzle climb and really expected to see it show up in the 92 Select-Fire. This was not the case.

In remembering back to the 93R test I recalled that full-auto groups shrank considerably using that gun with the stock removed. I think this is the reason that the 92 Select-Fire is far more controllable than the 93R. Using the stock makes the shooter bend his elbows to bring the stock into proper contact with the shoulder. Without your arms being extended and locked, there is no way to hold the gun steady and keep the muzzle from rising. Using a modified Weaver stance with both arms extended and locked the full-auto handgun is very controllable and a real blast to shoot. When I say controllable this does have its limitations. In my opinion, the gun set in the full-auto mode, is not suitable for distances over 75 feet. But there you start to enter the realm of the submachine gun. Besides, with select-fire capability you simply flip the selector to semi-auto and then engage the farther targets.

In all of my testing the gun worked perfectly. The only problems encountered were with some U.S.A. 25-round magazines that failed to lock the slide back sometimes. All told we shot about 2000 rounds of various types of ammunition. The gun was not ammo sensitive at all. Even Hydro-Shoks functioned in the gun. Bob told me that the first gun that he built has had in excess of 20,000 rounds through it. It still works perfectly. In fact it was used as one of the test guns. At one time during the test we basically just abused the gun firing several 20-round mags through the gun as fast as we could empty one and slap the next one in. The gun was literally so hot that you could not touch it anywhere in front of the trigger. The gun still continued to work

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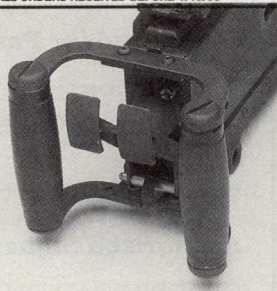


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and does so even to this day. This abusive testing is what reinforced my respect for Beretta handguns. If they can take this they can take just about anything. As for the slide cracking problem, an inside source told me that all of the slides that have cracked have been made in Italy. There has never been a failure in a slide that was actually made in the U.S. plant.

The guns were also tested with two 9mm suppressors. The excellent AWC Warp 6 and a similar suppressor produced by Precision Arms International. No problems were encountered with the AWC can but the Precision Arms can caused several failures to cycle.

CONCLUSION

The partners of FULLTECK VI planned on targeting the police and military market with his new conversion. In this plan I wish them well. I do think that there is a place in the military scene for this type of firearm. Any tank crew, helicopter pilot or other soldier that has to work from confined spaces would appreciate this weapon. Besides, the military already has the weapons in place. All they need is the conversion parts, which can be field installed, and they are "in business". In the world of police work the 92 Select Fire would easily find a home with SWAT or Special Operations Teams. Negotiating narrow hallways, stairways, buses or aircraft is sometimes a nightmare with a shoulder fired weapon. I think this gun would be perfect for entry teams that might need accurate high volume firepower in a very small area. I don't think this is the gun for the average cop on the street. This is not a degrading statement. I simply don't think that most cops shoot enough to master this kind of weapon. But with the right training this gun would be the perfect short range alternative to the shoulder fired submachine gun. (Author's Note: As this article goes to press Bob has informed me that he has now converted a Beretta Model 96 which is chambered in .40 S&W to select-fire. He says that he thinks that the gun is even more controllable than its 9mm brother. He also informs me that he will be offering complete guns or parts sets as Post dealer samples for those who are interested.) MGN

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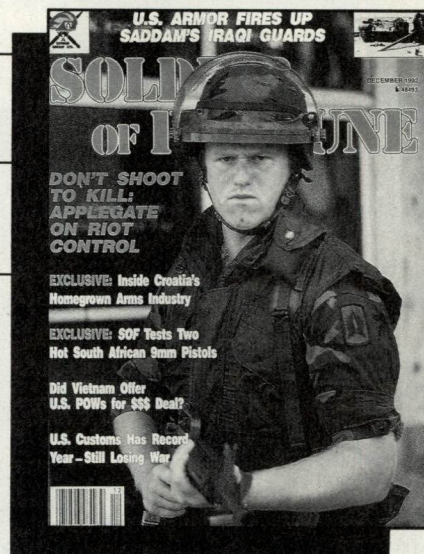
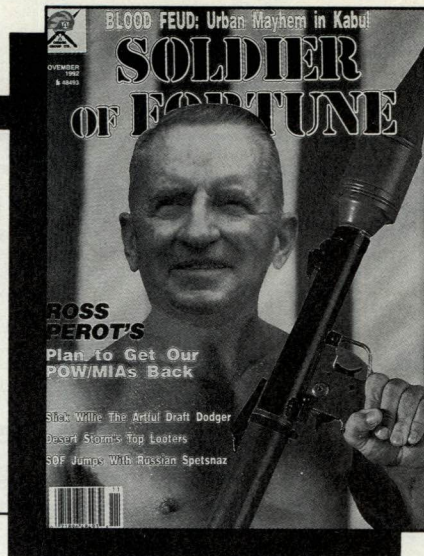
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A NEW RANGE IN TOWN SELECT-FIRE, INC.

A new range has opened in the past few months and it promises to be one of the best in the state of Maryland. Located in Glen Bernie, an "absorbed" suburb of Baltimore, it is centrally located in the state and only about a 20 minute drive from Washington D.C.. The range is the only one in the area that allows owners of full-auto firearms to shoot indoors.

by CHRIS A. CHOAT

The range is owned by two partners, Bob Burns and Wayne Nowicki. Bob is a Class II manufacturer and Wayne is a Class III dealer. Between them they own some very interesting weapons, some of which can be rented and fired on their range. Some of these include MP-5s, Uzi's, Mac-10's and many others. The range is limited to pistol caliber machine guns (sub-machine guns). In addition to the full-auto line, conventional firearms can also be rented at the range.

The building features a 75 foot range that ends with a Detroit Titanium bullet trap. It has 10 firing stations with controls for lights and target trolleys at each station. The entire firing station area is carpeted, which besides making it easier to collect brass also helps deaden the sound. An alcove with double steel doors forms an "airlock" to also keeps noise to a minimum in the retail area. The range uses a new top of the line ventilation system that draws air out, filters it and blows fresh air in by way



Bob Burns and Wayne Nowicki man the counter at Select-Fire, Inc.. The retail area of the store is well stocked and offers a full line of firearms and related products.



The range is located at 115-C Holsum Way in Glen Burnie, MD. Situated in a light industrial area, it is located in this modern, well constructed building

of ducts located over each firing position. All lead and carbon particles, as well as cordite, are filtered out and the air in the range area is always fresh.

The owners have installed an extensive closed circuit video system that covers both front and back doors, the ten firing stations as well as all of the retail area. This not only lets

them view the range while they are in the retail area but also lets them monitor the entrances to their shop on a 24 hour basis. Also the use of VCR's keeps a permanent record of anyone trying to break in.

A wide array of targets can be purchased at the range for shooters of all styles from combat to bullseye. Bob and Wayne also offer a wide assortment of ammunition for sale in their retail store. All ammunition is reasonably priced and range rental rates are paltry for a range of this "caliber". Hearing and eye protection are mandatory and are supplied.

While visiting this range a few weeks ago I spent almost a whole day there. I noticed some things that I think will



The "gang" at Select-Fire, Inc.. From left to right; John Przybylski, Bill Burns, Jim Reichard, Fred Affekt, Wayne Nowicki, Bob Burns and Dick Hall.

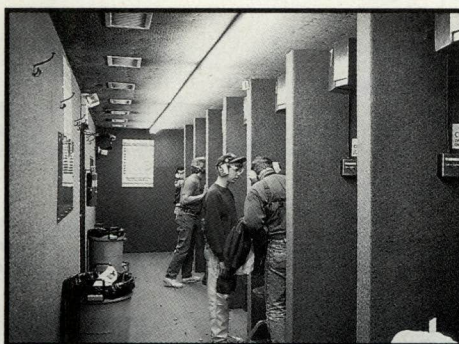


A wide variety of targets are available for use at the range. These include combat targets as well as bullseye and others. The Detroit Titanium bullet trap can be seen behind the targets. Each firing station has controls for lights and a target trolley.

probably make this range the most popular in the state. The guys that work there are not just there for a paycheck. They really are interested in guns and shooting. They take time with their customers and most importantly, they treat even first time customers like they have known them for years.

More and more women are interested in shooting these days with all the violent crimes that seem to run rampant in the larger cities. During the course of the day I noticed a very large number of women shooters coming in to use the range. Some were by themselves, others were with boyfriends or husbands. But all had one thing in common, they all wanted to learn how to shoot. And not just for Sunday afternoon plinking. Most that I talked to were worried about the rising crime rate. They didn't want to become victims. Believe me, most of the females that I saw shoot, if I were a rapist or mugger I would definitely be worried.

I think the guys at Select-Fire, Inc. have hit on the right combination, a new well Machine Gun News - January 1993



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Let's face it, Thompsons aren't for everyone. But if Thompsons are for you, then Newark, Ohio was the place you should have been. It all started at Knob Creek when Donna and Tracie Hill got together with Tom Woods, Jim Falter, and Phil Stewart and decided enough was enough. It was time to get the contributors to the new Thompson book and the subscribers to the Thompson Collector News together in one place at one time. It was time to put faces to the names and promote the exchange of ideas. It would be show and tell and shoot it out. The format was a show on Friday night, a shoot on Saturday, and a dinner and show on Saturday night.

NICE GUNS

Newark attracted the largest gathering of quality Colt Thompsons that anyone could remember and the show contained a number of rare and unique items. One of

the most interesting exhibits was the uniform display. Rick Mason assembled a vintage Marine Corps and U.S. Army display showing in sequence the field gear for U.S. troops from pre World War I through Viet Nam. Interspersed among the uniforms, Rich highlighted Thompsons with Thompson related web gear and scabbards.

Members were invited to bring their guns and set up their own displays in the exhibition hall. Racks, display stands, and backdrops with peg boards were provided by the hosts. Everyone checked in and was given an attractive personalized name tag furnished by the William Douglas Military Museum. Each took their places at the tables and set up for the show. And what a show it was. The Blish pistol was there. This is the pistol that demonstrated the principle of the Blish block for original

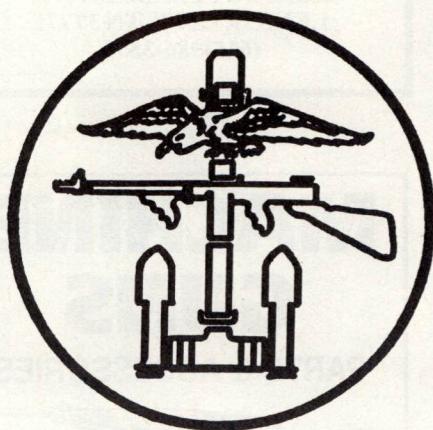
patent. Two of the twelve known 'Model of 1919's were there. Two guns with matching numbered New York L drums were there along with a three digit Colt with matching numbered New York L and drums.

In another part of the exhibition hall, a rotating glass cylinder showcased .30, 9mm, and .22 conversion kits for the Thompson (all original). Someone brought a cartridge box display showing the correct Thompson specific markings. Another brought an inclusive display of original blank and dated XX magazines and original Thompson shotshell mags. The original case of shotshells knocked me out. Then I wandered over to the drum display and there, carefully arranged in order of introduction, were the various drum configurations from first to most recent, including some plastic prototype drums from World War II and the George Goll presentation drum.

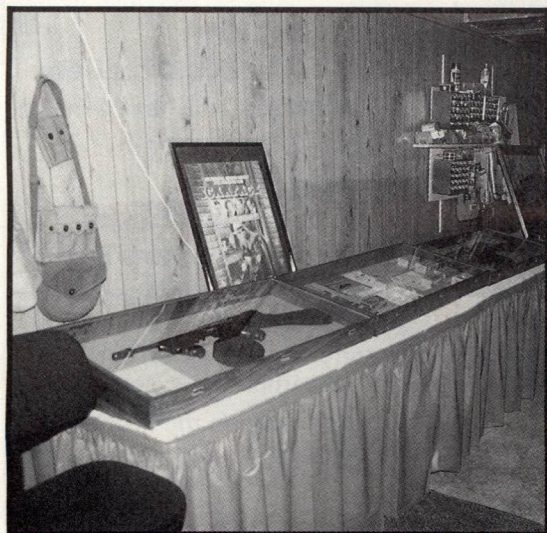
UNIQUE ITEMS

The Blish pistol was extremely interesting. It is a single shot with a sliding Blish block and an ejection chute. Firing the shell through the Luger barrel forces the Blish block slide downward and send the spent shell backward into the scooped chute ejecting the shell to the side. The two prototype Thompsons highlighted the gun's development in that one was an early prototype and the other was a much later 'Model of 1919'. The

The All Thompson Show and Shoot



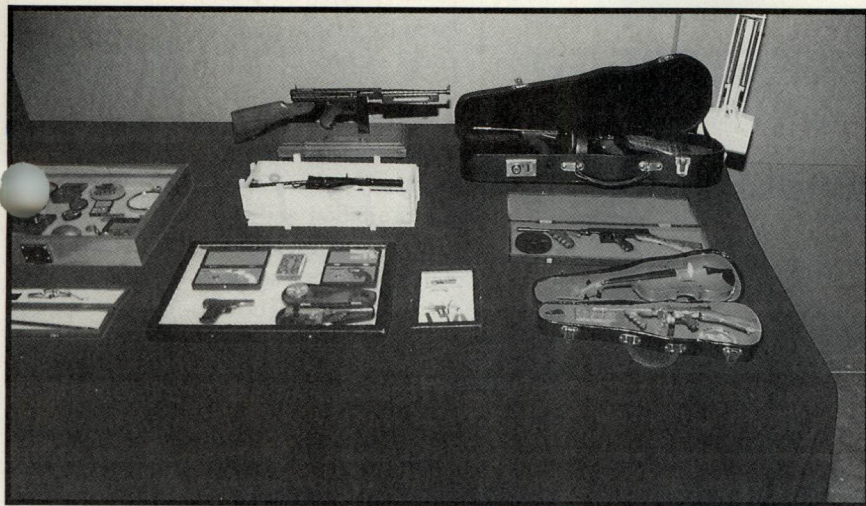
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The incredibly documented three digit Colt that was the hit of the show.



Part of Rich Mason's impressive uniform display with the appropriate Thompson and web gear.



Tiny Thompsons on display. Note the miniature transit chest.

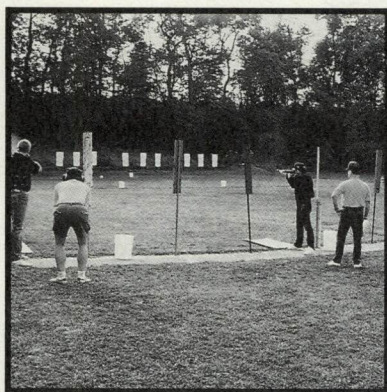
early gun had no front sight, no sight attachment, and was cocked from the top by a hook shaped actuator. The slot for the actuator and handle are offset to the ejection port side and the gun is not select fire but fires automatic only. The later prototype is fairly consistent with the production 1921 model having the actuator centered in the top of the receiver and a nice front sight.

One collector brought what may have been the hit of the show. It is what may be an unfired Colt Thompson. The gun was ordered from Auto Ordnance before Colt began production in 1921 and was bought by the grandson of the original owner. The original purchaser is said to have never fired it, the grandson never did and the current owner never has. A wealth of material came with the gun and the documentation is overwhelming. The documentation with my gun is excellent (see MGN April '92) but it pales by comparison with this. Oddly enough Pat Jung, one of the writers working on the new Thompson book, struck gold in his research and provided independent verification of all of the paperwork. I will address more of Pat's amazing discovery later in this article.

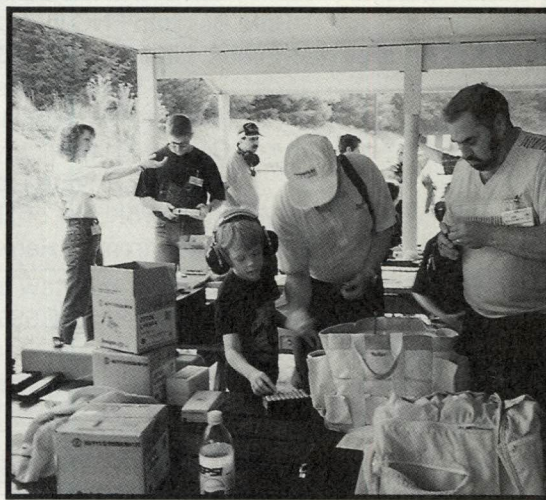
Finally, the '21 Savage stopped a number of people in their tracks. This is not a misprint. The gun is stamped 'Model of 1921' and marked with Savage in the spot usually occupied by Colt. The receiver is stamped as is the lower, the barrel is blue. The extractor is flat and the interior parts of the gun are all nickel steel and are '21 Colt. The wood is walnut and the stock is not cross bolted. The owner stated that the person he got the gun from had seen one other like it but the origin of both guns is unknown. The '21 is probably a late 30's police order to Auto Ordnance specifying a 1921 model, but whatever its origin, it is a very interesting weapon.



An exhibitor examines the "Models of 1919". The chronological drum display is to his right.



Pat Jung, Phil Stewart, and John McCouglin shoot it out at the Newark Range.



During a break in the action, it's time to have a Pepsi and reload.

THE SHOOT OUT

Saturday morning rolled around and it was time for the Thompsons to roar. We gathered at the Newark Ohio Police Range for some fun and competition. My riding partners were the Columbus warriors, Bruce Whitehead and Jim Warren. While waiting under an oak tree, Jim asked the Range Officers what they did Monday through Friday and one of them replied, "We're cops." Jim said "So are we." Over the years, it has never ceased to amaze me the affinity that the brave men and women on the thin blue line have for the Thompson gun.

The Range Officers constructed a challenging course of fire. They split the shooters into groups of five and assigned a Range Officer to each shooter. Safety was utmost and the Range Officers did an excellent job. The ladies were there in force with their Thompsons and shot well. Anyone attending the show was welcome to shoot and guns were provided for those who did not bring their own.

The Range Officer set up the course as follows using the remote controlled targets of the Newark range. There were five courses of fire from the shoulder point position.

We fired 10 rounds semi-automatic from 50 yards at one target. Then we fired 12 rounds at three targets from 25 yards on full auto followed by 20 rounds from the same distance on full auto with a 20 second time limit. We shot the fourth course from 30 feet with 20 rounds full auto with three targets and a 15 second limit. Finally we shot 20 rounds at three targets from 21 feet with a 4 second limit. Jim Falter won the competition using his West Hurley shooter with a Savage barrel recently reworked by ace Thompson smith Mac Donald. Aaron Woods took second place with some very impressive shooting. He was dueling with his father Tom through each round and emerged with a very fine score. Then the Range Officers squared off against each other and B. Sutton Coffman won with Mike Oberfield placing second. We all had a great time and, more importantly, a safe time.

EXCHANGING IDEAS

I have often remarked to those outside of Class 3 that I started in it for the guns and I now continue in it for the people. I have met some truly fine men and women along the way and the Thompson collectors are no exception, being both (continues)

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knowledgeable and helpful. Two video crews showed up and some of the action I have described is commercially available. Clark Hodges and Wes Horn of Rimfire Productions and Robert Fink and Barbara Abbe of "Arms Charms" were both tap the exhibition and the shoot. The Rimfire video is out and the Arms Charms video will be out soon so check your MGN ads.

We talked Thompsons at both the Friday and Saturday night shows. There were two conversations that I would like to share with the readers of MGN. The first was with Bruce Whitehead, Jim Warren, myself, and Mr. Patrick Jung. Pat is one of the writers of the new Thompson book. His area is Easter Rising, the Thompsons and the IRA. He followed some slim leads, struck gold, and shared with us some of what he has found. His triumph is the Hoboken guns, the 495 Thompsons seized by US Customs on a freighter bound for Ireland. Though the serial numbers had been ground off of a significant segment of that shipment, Pat has found the appropriate numbers and the serial numbers and list of original purchasers and equipment of the first one thousand Colts shipped by Auto Ordnance. These Colts were logged more carefully than previously believed. I mentioned earlier in this article the three digit possibly unfired gun. Pat Jung's research revealed the exact equipment shipped with the gun, its destination, and the shipping crate number of the crate addressed to the original purchaser. The current owner of the Colt has all of the equipment specified which he received with the gun and the shipping crate receipt with the same number revealed by Pat Jung's research.

The last conversation was with Mike Free, Bob Fink, and Glen Whittenberger. Glen had written a most interesting article in the Thompson News about the softness of the West Hurley receivers. His had cracked and had to be welded to repair. He brought the subject of the article to the shoot so that those who were shooting Hurleys would know what to look for. He also gave us an interesting lesson in barrel metalurgy particularly concerning carbonitrating for hardness. Glen recommended head spacing and any other modifications be done before hardening. We then got into the subject of telescoping pilot buffers and Bob Fink brought out his speed bolt and springs/pilot buffer set-up from GUN-MACHINES. Bob had used it in competition and it performed flawlessly. There was a lot of knowledge exchanged and I was glad to have been a part of it.

ADIOS COLUMBUS

Newark is a nice quiet town just outside of Columbus, Ohio. Because of a SNAFU in plans, I lost my ride to Newark and was faced with the choice of getting off at midnight and driving the Frankenstein Chevelle all night to Ohio or flying. Frank stayed home and I flew Delta. I took a tip given to me by James Ballou of North Country Shoot fame about how to transport your gun on a plane. The rules require that the gun be unloaded, locked in a hard case, and declared at the ticket counter to be checked. Jim suggested to put the locked hard case in another locked case and check it through. The agent then places the gun tag in the outside case with the locked gun case and your luggage isn't riding the baggage claim carousel with the gun tag sticking up. In keeping with some sage advice I kept a low profile. The polite Delta employee said that he had never had anyone who would not tell him what kind of gun it was. I said "OK. It's a short one." Jim's tip worked well.

As the big Delta jet lifted off the runway for its hour and ten minute slow mortar shot toward Atlanta, I wondered how many people in the beautiful city of Columbus knew how much fun we had had about 30 miles down the road. MGN

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North Country Shoot

Minuteman Shooting Club's Mid Summer and Pumpkin Popper Shoots and Gun Shows

by CARL SILVER

The Minuteman Shooting Club held two North Country Shoots at their New Boston, New Hampshire range on 22 August and 3 October in 1992. The shoots were held in a sandpit located off of Route 13. There were about 26 beltfed and 6 rotating shooting positions at each shoot.

At the North Country Shoots, SAFETY is the primary concern. Color-coded badges are used to control access to the firing line. The endless debate over the "safe" bolt position for open bolt/closed bolt guns is ended by the use of orange painted wooden dowels. These were freely distributed by the staff and were required to be placed in the actions of all of the firearms when they were not being fired. This allowed instant visual verification by the Range Officers (and other shooters) that the guns were in a safety state.

Communications between the Command Tower and the Range Officers was handled by the use of headphones with built in radio transceivers. This allowed immedi-

ate correction of any unsafe conditions. The Range Officers were comprised of both Minuteman Shooting Club members and experienced volunteers (Thank you Connecticut hosers!). Several shooters meetings were held during the day to explain the rules and answer any questions.

Charlie Hobson, from Syracuse, New York, warmed the crowd with a running flamethrower assault on the target vehicles. With a capacity of 8 seconds of flame, the results were spectacular. (Note: actual mileage may vary.)

Rob Haitmanek (Rapid Feed Systems, P.O. Box 273, Mt. Bethel, PA, 18343) was firing an ingenious solution to the age-old problem of having to stop your burst to change belts: a backpack fed M60-E3. I hope he has a good supply of replacement barrel assemblies.

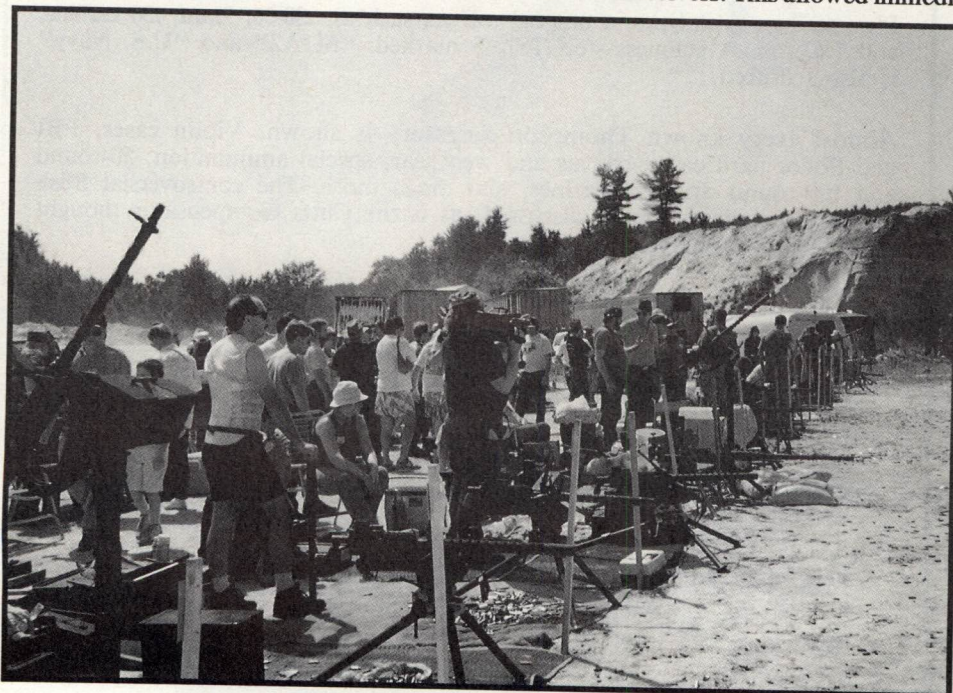
The "Big Boomer of the Year Award" goes to Philip J. Heck of Gallipolis, Ohio, who brought his Russian DShK 38 heavy machinegun. The DShK fires the 12.7 x 108 mm round which is ballistically similar to the .50 BMG cartridge. The BIG difference from the Browning M2HB is that DShK is fitted with VERY efficient muzzle brake. The blast directed backwards by this brake shook the ground and threw pounds of dirt into the air every time it fired. Phil also fired several belts of APIT (Anti-Piercing Incendiary Tracer @ \$4/round #!) producing fantastic fireworks downrange.

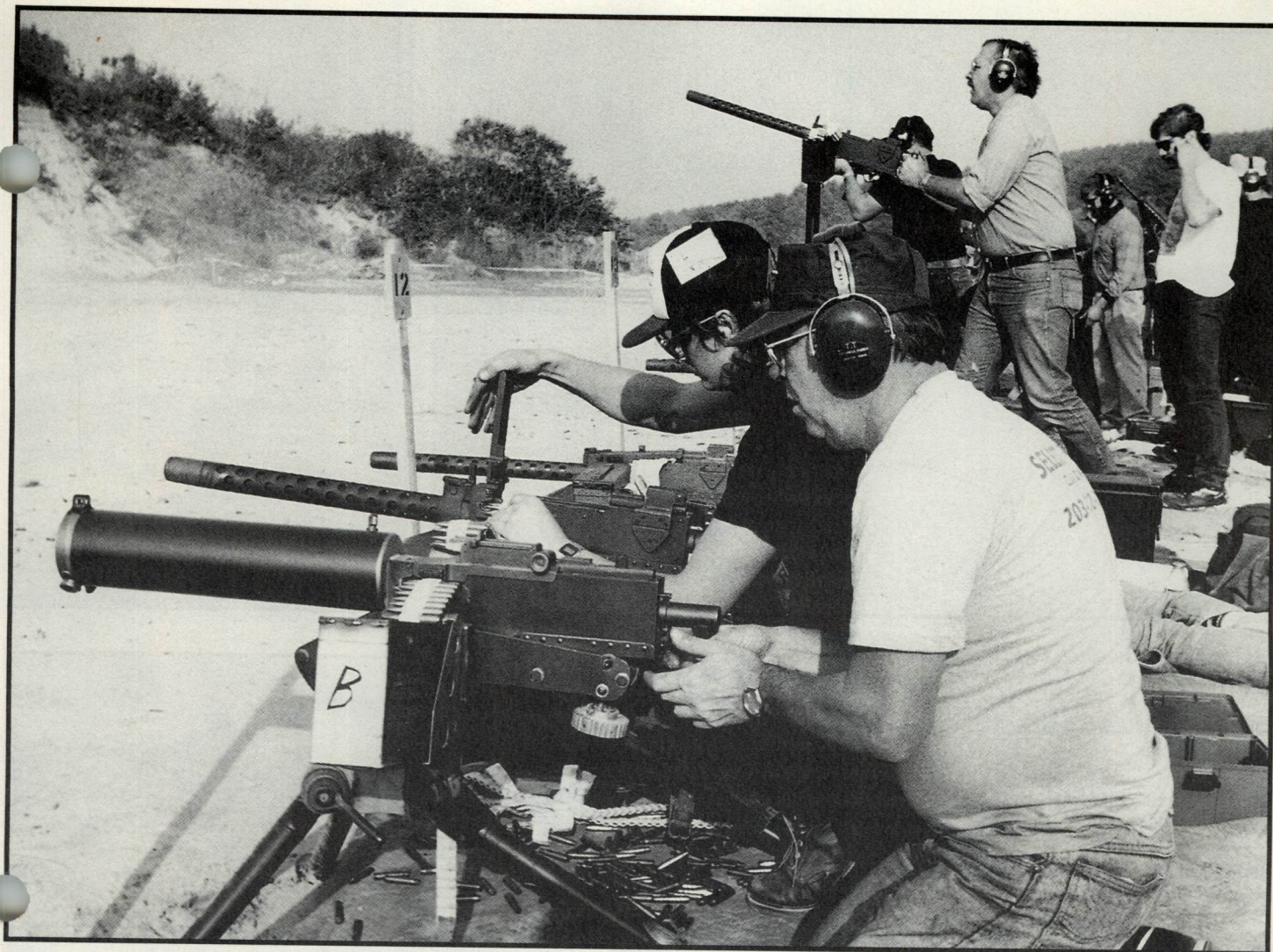
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A chorus of Brownings on the line (Bob Haig kneeling, 1917, Gary Lenk, standing 1919A4) Photo: Dick Morin

A view down the beltfed firing line (Happiness is a big brass pile!) Photo: Carl Silver



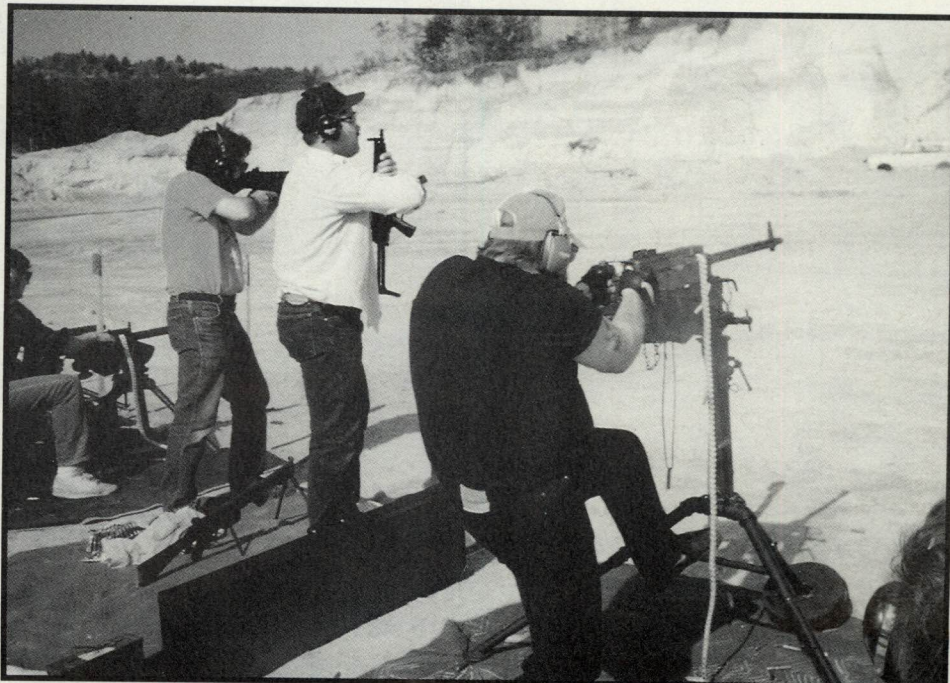
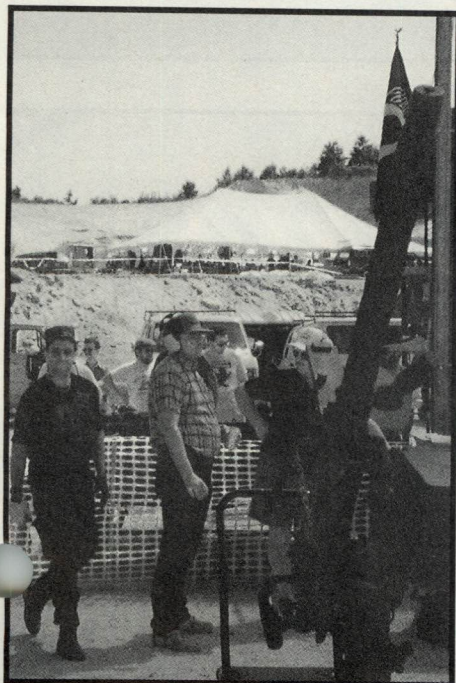


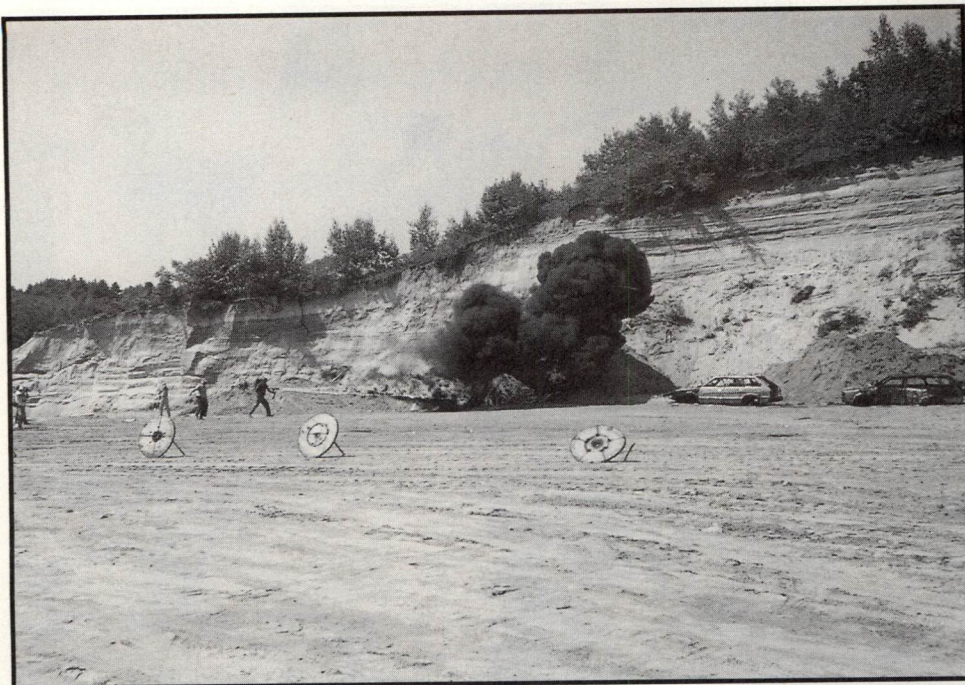
Levensailor and his team of the 10th Special Forces Group from Fort Devens, Mass. Their static display of weapons included the M249 SAW, MK-19 full-auto 40 mm grenade launcher, 81 mm mortar and other

exotic gear. The dealers' tents were very busy at both shoots with a lot of parts and ammo changing hands. Some of the dealers participating were: Delta Arms, Harold Carter (United Arms), Dan Shea (LMO),

Below Left: The dealer tent and food concession viewed from the firing line.

Below: (L to R) Pete Spring (1919A4), Phil Rocklen (G-3), Al Arbuckle (MP-5) and Jim Heffler (ANM2) search for targets of opportunity. Photo: Brad Hill



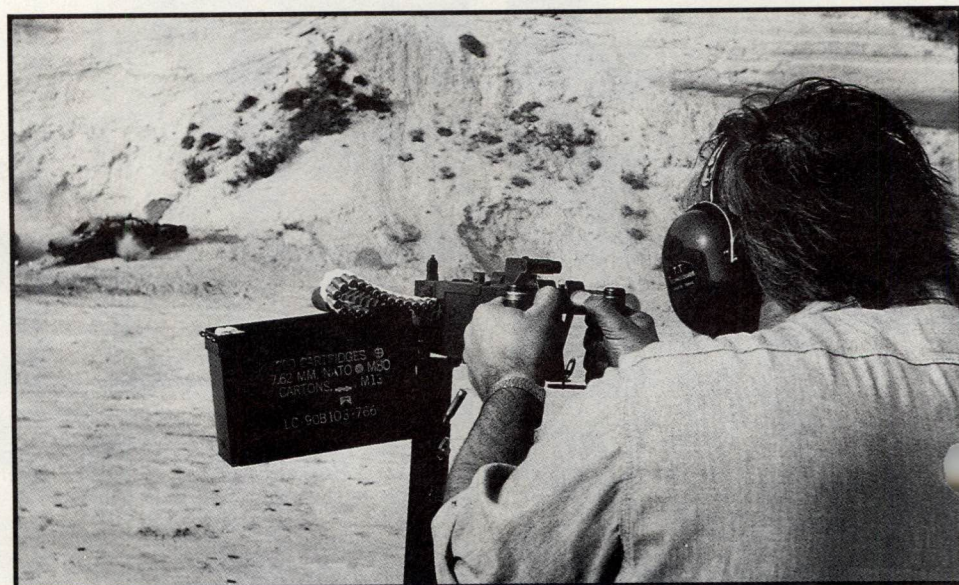


Top Left : The special effects crew created these huge fireballs Photo: Carl Silver

Top Right: Which blew into smoke rings.
Photo: Carl Silver

Right: Charlie Hobson warms up the crowd with his flamethrower demonstration. Photo: Carl Silver

Below Right: Gary Lenk "customizes" a vehicle with his DLO 1919A4 Photo: Dick Morin



Curtis Wolf (United Defense Manufacturing Corp.), Stanley Andrews (Stan's Gunsmithing Services), Charles Robb, Walt Scott, Dennis Duphily (Den's Gun Shop), Stanley Potts and Clarence Floyd.

One of the highlights of each shoot was the Bowling Pin Competition. Ten regulation bowling pins are placed on a table 25 feet away from the firing line. A "stop" pin is placed 50-75 feet away. The object of the exercise is to: (1) advance to the gun table, (2) load the firearm, (3) knock all of the pins OFF of the top of the table, and (4) then knock over the stop pin. If the stop pin is toppled before all of the pins have left the top surface of the table, the team is disqualified (DQ'd). The teams of three shooters start with their guns on a table, magazines removed. The competitors are 8 feet behind the table and start with their hands in the surrender position. The commands are: "Shooter Ready?", "Standby" and then the Start signal is given (either pistol shot or whistle).

The winners are determined by the quickest times of several teams that are then "baked off" against each other. Usually this type of competition is restricted to submachine guns, but under the Minuteman rules ANY machinegun that can be fired in a SAFE and CONTROLLED manner from the offhand position is allowed. Some competitors have tried using a M60E3 and even a shorty DPM with a 47 round pan magazine and forward pistol grip (custom build by Dick Salemi.)

The winning team at both shoots were the Premature Ejectors team of Al Arbuckle, Rich Scheidel and Pete Spring, all from Connecticut. Rich and Pete were representing the Metacon Gun Club of Simsbury, Connecticut.

The dynamite crew kept a fresh supply of explosives downrange and several special effects were command detonated to the delight of the crowd. The registration tent was well staffed which made signing-in a pleasure for the anxious shooters and spectators.

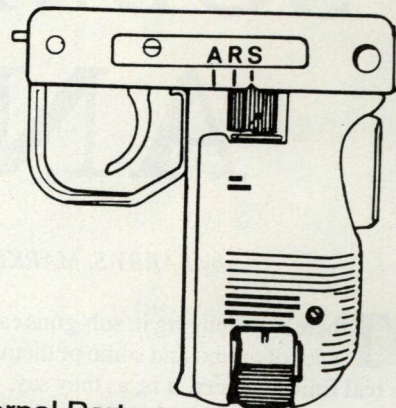
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SUBMACHINE GUNS AND AMMO

by *EARBY S. MARKHAM*

There's no denying it, sub-guns eat up a lot of ammo and some of them can be real finicky eaters. It is, as they say, "the nature of the beast". Most people who have been into shooting submachine guns for a while have their favorite loads, often times a re-load that they have worked out to be functional in their particular sub-gun(s). Others, who don't reload can be seen prowling the aisles at gun shows, looking for the best buy on bulk or surplus ammo. Some intrepid shooters buy cases of the "generic" ammo, usually "white box" or "brown box" ammo from one of the major ammo manufacturers. After the shooter finds or develops a load that works reliably in their gun(s) and that gives them satisfactory accuracy for their purposes they normally stick with it. It can get very expensive, real quick, to try out new ammo for a sub-gun, due to voracious appetites of the little darlings.

The sub-gun, which is most often 9mm, has benefited from the overwhelming law enforcement interest in the handguns of this caliber during the last 10 years. There is now a virtual cornucopia of 9mm ammo available. Much of this ammo offers enormous improvement over ball ammo for use in anti-personnel scenarios, as that it was expressly designed for that role. From a training, competition or pleasure shooting need, there are options such as new or re-manufactured ammo from one of the smaller, regional loaders or non-reloadable ammo such as the aluminum cased Blazer[™] line, to help keep the "food bill" somewhere below the national debt, if you shoot a lot. Over the past couple of years, I've had a lot of inquiries about the performance characteristics of different types of ammo when used in SMGs. These inquiries were concerning the overall cartridge, not the effectiveness of the projectile. As we know from reading the popular gun press, there are currently two very diverse and verbose schools of thought on Terminal or Forensic ballistics. Nearly any firearms publication you pick up today has either an

We test 25 types of AMMO for use in open and closed bolt SMGs



Author shooting 50 yard accuracy test.

article or reader reply letters section where the "jell-o junkies" verses the "morgue monsters" battle rages on. It's become one of the staples of controversy, just like 9mm vs .45 or double-action vs single-action auto-loaders and admittedly, it helps to sell magazines. But the questions I've heard most concern whether or not a certain type or ammunition will function reliably in certain types of submachine guns.

In my primary vocation as a weapons consultant and trainer I cannot allow myself the luxury of bias, but must instead try to match my recommendations to the client's situation and operating environment. The same holds true in my secondary avocation as a writer and evaluator for

several of the subscription-only Law Enforcement publications. Now, have no doubts, I have my opinions and favorites, but these might not be appropriate to a client's situation or needs. Instead, I must try and offer balanced, supported answers and options. It was the combination of the repeated questions about ammo performance in sub-guns, along with the parameters of my profession that lead to this article. Due to the dearth of information concerning ammunition performance in 9mm submachine guns, I recently tested over 10,000 rounds of ammo through both an open and closed-bolt sub-gun in a series of 6 tests. This ammo represents 25 types from 12 different manufactures. For comparison,

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the ammo was also tested through a Browning Hi-Power Mark III, that was customized for me by Mr. Kurt Wickmann of NOVAK'S, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, since most of the velocity figures published are from pistol length barrels. The data that was gathered from these tests will become the foundation of a data base that I and other submachine gun instructors and users can use as a reference for questions about overall ammunition performance.

The 6 tests, along with 2 controlled strings of fire to determine and then true the Point of Aim to the Point Of Impact required a total of 455 rounds of each type of ammo through the three test firearms, except where noted. The tests were conducted over a period of several days with both the temperature and the humidity in the upper 90's, at approximately 210 feet above sea level.

The test firearms represent examples of those in widespread use, the wooden-stocked Uzi with it's 10.25 inch barrel, the H&K MP5A3 with it's 8.85 inch barrel and the Browning Hi-Power with it's 4.65 inch barrel. For a point of reference, the 4th Edition of MILITARY SMALL ARMS OF THE WORLD, by Ian V. Hogg and John Weeks lists the average velocities for these firearms as: Uzi - 1250 feet per second (381 meters per second); MP5 - 1312 fps (400 mps); Hi-Power - 1110 fps (335 mps).

The 6 tests and 2 controls were designed to illustrate the street or competition performance we can expect from the

TEST # 1 - Averaged velocity of 10 rounds fired through each firearm			
AMMO TYPE	BROWNING	H&K MP-5	UZI
Black Hills 124 gr JHP	1142.7 fps	1250.2 fps	1257.8 fps
Black Hills 147 gr JHP Subsonic	964.8	1013.4	1040.6
CCI/Lawman 115 gr JHP	1150.0	1269.2	1304.9
CCI/Blazer 124 gr TMJ	1176.8	1280.9	1319.2
CCI/Blazer 147 gr TMJ	945.0	1011.7	1094.3
Cor-Bon 115 gr +P JHP	1357.6	1505.8	1523.4
Cor-Bon 124 gr +P XTP	1252.1	1395.5	1421.9
Federal 115 JHP (9BP)	1141.4	1231.1	1259.4
Federal 115 +P+ JHP (9BP/LE)	1264.9	1412.2	1411.9
Federal 124 gr Hydra-Shok	1116.4	1202.0	1233.2
Federal 147 gr Hydra-Shok	960.5	1010.9	1071.8
Hornady 147 gr JHP-XTP	970.6	1067.7	1052.8
M & D 124 FMJ/Lead-Free	1140.6	1179.5	1250.0
M & D 147 FMJ/Subsonic	880.3	772.4	843.8
Master Cart. 147 JHP/Subsonic	914.7	964.9	1026.1
Remington 115 gr JHP	1163.5	1269.2	1305.7
Remington/UMC 115 gr FMJ	1123.0	1202.6	1224.9
3-D 124 gr FMJ (re-mfg)	1162.9	1238.4	1307.9
3-D 124 gr FMJ/Lead-Free	1173.1	1249.0	1292.5
Uzi 115 gr +P FMJ	1199.2	1340.0	1346.8
Winchester 115 +P+ JHP	1279.1	1408.9	n/a
Winchester 147 Cont. Expan Subsonic tm	944.1	991.9	1014.6
Winchester 147 Black Talon	982.2	1047.2	1085.3
Zero 115 gr JHP	1052.3	1124.2	1135.0
Zero 115 FMJ	1064.4	1135.6	1174.2



The test ammo, 10,600 rounds!

ammunition with tests for accuracy at 50 feet and 50 yards, velocities, burst dispersion at 3, 7 and 12 yards, full-auto reliability and accuracy from a supported position, using the MP5 with a 4 power scope.

The velocities were checked using a PACT Precision Chronograph, with the skyscreens 10 feet from the muzzle. All of the accuracy tests, along with the dispersion tests were conducted using ACTION TARGET's Realistic Action Targets, which are life-size, black and white photo targets.

The test ammo was a cross-section of what is available today, everything from low cost re-manufactured FMJ ammo to the newest premium brands and a small sampling of ammunition available to law enforcement only ammo.

For convenience and continuity, the ammunition is listed alphabetically by manufacturer, with the specific performance data in the accompanying tables and

**Test #2 - 10 rounds from shoulder with SMGs on semi/two-hand stance with handgun.
Headshots at 50 feet. 10 shot group, measured outside edge to outside edge.**

AMMO TYPE	BROWNING	H&K MP-5	UZI
Black Hills 124 gr JHP	3 1/2 inches	2 7/8 inches	3 3/8 inches
Black Hills 147 gr JHP	3"	2 7/8"	3 1/2"
CCI/Lawman 115 gr JHP	3 1/8"	3"	3 1/2"
CCI/Blazer 124 gr TMJ	2 3/8"	2 1/4"	3"
CCI/Blazer 147 gr TMJ	2 3/4"	2"	3 1/8"
Cor-Bon 115 gr +P JHP	3 1/2"	3 1/8"	4"
Cor-Bon 124 gr +P XTP	3 1/4"	3"	3 3/4"
Federal 115 JHP (9BP)	2 7/8"	3"	3 1/2"
Federal 115 +P+ JHP (9BPLE)	3"	2 7/8"	3 1/4"
Federal 124 gr Hydra-Shok	2 7/8"	2 7/8"	3 1/8"
Federal 147 gr Hydra-Shok	2 1/2"	2 1/4"	2 7/8"
Hornady 147 gr JHP-XTP	3 1/2"	3"	3 3/4"
M & D 124 FMJ/Lead-Free	3 7/8"	4"	4 3/4"
M & D 147 FMJ/Subsonic	3"	3 1/8"	4"
Master Cart. 147 JHP/Subsonic	3 1/2"	3"	3 3/4"
Remington 115 gr JHP	3 1/8"	3"	3 1/2"
Remington/UMC 115 gr FMJ	3 3/4"	3 1/8"	3 1/8"
3-D 124 gr FMJ (Re-mfg)	4"	3 7/8"	4 1/4"
3-D 124 gr FMJ/Lead-Free (Re-mfg.)	3 7/8"	3 1/4"	4 1/8"
Uzi 115 gr +P FMJ	3 7/8"	3 1/2"	3"
Winchester 115 +P+ JHP	3 1/8"	3"	n/a
Winchester 147 Subsonic tm	2 3/4"	2 1/2"	3"
Winchester 147 Black Talon	3"	2 7/8"	3 3/4"
Zero 115 gr JHP	3"	2 7/8"	3 1/8"
Zero 115gr FMJ	3 1/8"	2 7/8"	3 1/4"



5 rounds from M.A.C. M-10 at 7 yards.

the company addresses and contact information at the end of the article.

BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION provided two types of ammo for our testing. A 124 grain Jacket Hollow Point and a 147 grain subsonic JHP.

CCI/BLOUNT, the makers of Lawmantm and Blazertm ammunition, sent down three different loads. A 115 grain JHP from the Lawmantm line and a 124 grain and a 147 grain TMJtm Total Metal Jacket loads from the Blazertm line.

COR-BON BULLET COMPANY submitted two of their high velocity +P rounds, the 115 JHP using a Sierra bullet and the 124 gr JHP using the Hornady XTP projectile.

FEDERAL CARTRIDGE COMPANY provided 100 rounds each of the following four types of ammo: 115 gr JHP (9BP); 115 gr JHP +P+ (9BPLE); 124 gr Hydra-Shoktm (P9HS1G) and the 147 gr Hydra-Shoktm (9HS2G).

HORNADY MANUFACTURING COMPANY contributed 200 rounds of their 147 grain XTP (Extreme Terminal Performance) Hollow Point ammunition.

M & D MUNITIONS. LTD. supplied us with both a 124 grain and a 147 grain load, both using a Total Metal Jacket projectile. The 124 grain was loaded using leadfree primers. Leadfree rounds are becoming increasingly popular as indoor training rounds. The 147 gr TMJ was loaded to subsonic velocity.

MASTER CARTRIDGE also supplied us with a 147 grain subsonic load for our testing.

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC. submitted a pair of loads, both 115 grainers, the first, an old stand-by for subgunners who want to use JHP ammo, the

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Author loading MP5 magazine, prior to the velocity testing.

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Colt M-16 Commando, 10.5" barrel, late 70's, 98%	\$2750.	H&R M16A1, original, looks unfired	\$3500.
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Colt M16A1, 11.5" barrel, new	\$3500.	M60 Maramont, two barrels, excellent	\$8000.
Colt M16A2 Carbine 14.5" barrel, new	\$3200.	Maadi 7.62x39	\$2700.
Colt M16A2 Commando, 11.5" Barrel, new	\$3900.	MAC-10 Powder Springs, Match Supp.	\$ 895.
Colt M16A2 rifle, new, with drum sights	\$3200.		
olt Thomson 1921 AC 5551 Finish thin, brown, no rust, 70%	\$3400.	Madsen 50 9mm Pre-86 DS	\$ 750.
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Colt Thomson 1921 AC 6955 Original blue, good wood, 7 or 8 light flecks rust, 75%	\$3500.		

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Test #3 - 3 round bursts, at 3, 7 and 12 yards. Measure 1st burst at each distance from outside edge to outside edge. Repeat 5 times for function check. Object, to show dispersion of rounds at known distances in full auto fire.

AMMO TYPE	MP5			UZI		
	3yd	7yd	12yd	3yd	7yd	12yd
Black Hills 124 gr JHP	2"	5 1/8"	7 3/4"	2 1/4"	6"	8 1/4"
Black Hills 147 gr JHP Subsonic	1 7/8"	6 1/4"	9 3/8"	2 1/8"	6 3/4"	10 3/4"
CCI/Lawman 115 gr JHP	2"	4 3/4"	8"	2 1/4"	5"	8 1/2"
CCI/Blazer 124 gr TMJ	1"	6 1/8"	9 7/8"	3/4"	6"	10"
CCI/Blazer 147 gr TMJ	1 7/8"	3 1/2"	7 3/4"	2"	3 1/4"	6 1/2"
Cor-Bon 115 gr +P JHP	2"	8 1/4"	10 3/4"	2 1/4"	9 1/8"	11 1/4"
Cor-Bon 124 gr +P XTP	1 7/8"	8 3/8"	12"	2"	9 3/4"	13 1/8"
Federal 115 JHP (9BP)*	n/a	n/a	n/a	7/8"	2 7/8"	4 3/8"
Federal 115 +P JHP (9BP)*	1 3/8"	3 1/8"	6 1/4"	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal 124 gr Hydra-Shok*	1 7/8"	6"	8 1/2"	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal 147 gr Hydra-Shok*	n/a	n/a	n/a	2 3/8"	4"	11"
Hornady 147 gr JHP-XTP	2"	2 1/4"	9"	1 3/4"	2 3/8"	9 1/8"
M & D 124 FMJ/LeadFree	1"	3 1/8"	9 7/8"	1 1/2"	3 3/4"	10 1/8"
M & D 147 FMJ/Subsonic	1"	2 1/8"	5 1/2"	7/8"	2 3/4"	5 1/8"
Master Cart. 147 JHP/Subsonic	1 1/4"	3"	5 3/4"	1 7/8"	3 1/8"	6 1/8"
Remington 115 gr JHP	1 1/2"	3 1/2"	10 3/4"	1 5/8"	3 1/8"	13"
Remington/UMC 115 gr FMJ	1"	3 1/8"	5"	1/4"	2 3/4"	5 7/8"
3-D 124 gr FMJ (Re-mfg.)	2"	3 1/8"	5"	2 1/2"	3 1/2"	6"
3-D 124 gr FMJ/Lead-Free**	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 1/8"	2 3/4"	6 7/8"
Uzi 115 gr +P FMJ	2 7/8"	4 3/4"	6 1/2"	2"	3 7/8"	5 1/2"
Winchester 115 +P+ JHP	1 3/4"	3 1/2"	6 7/8"	n/a	n/a	n/a
Winchester 147 Subsonic	1"	4 1/8"	6 3/4"	1 1/4"	7"	8 1/2"
Winchester 147 Black Talon	1 1/2"	3 1/2"	4 7/8"	1 1/2"	4"	6 1/8"
Zero 115 gr JHP	1 1/8"	2 7/8"	7"	7/8"	2 1/8"	6 1/2"
Zero 115 FMJ	1 1/2"	3 1/8"	9 1/8"	1 3/4"	4"	9 1/2"

* - Only enough ammunition available to fire 1 three round burst, through 1 submachine gun

** - Only enough ammunition available to fire 5 three round burst, through 1 submachine gun

R9MM1 and 115 gr Metal Case from the Union Metallic Cartridge Company line.

3-D AMMUNITION & BULLETS supplied their 124 grain FMJ plus 150 rounds of it's leadfree twin, both from the line of re-manufactured ammunition. Uzi, well actually ACTION AMMO LTD., submitted their famous "Black Tip" 115 grain FMJ +P ammo.

WINCHESTER/OLIN provided us with three loads to test, the Black Talon tm 147 grain SXT DPtm, the 147 grain Subsonictm Controlled Expansion JHP and the 115 grain +P+ JHP (RA9115HP+).

ZERO AMMUNITION COMPANY, INC. also sent us a matched pair of rounds, a 115 grain JHP and a 115 gr FMJ.

I feel that the accompanying tables are fairly self-explanatory, so I won't bore you to sleep with a dry regurgitation of facts and figures. I will however advise you of some of the patterns we saw during our testing. The first and most obvious, was that the Uzi we used for the tests (and another one just like it) did not like the 147 grain loads. It would not reliably function with any of them, including the Full Metal Jacketed rounds and repeated a pattern of feedway stoppages, with the rounds striking the barrel hood. This would occur in either semi or full auto fire with alarming regularity. Whether it was caused by the slightly longer overall length of these cartridges (doubtful) or the low momentum reduced recoil impulse of these subsonic loads (probable) failing to drive the heavy Uzi bolt to the rear with enough force I can't say at this point. However, when we tested some of the remaining 147 grain ammo through another open-bolt SMG other than an Uzi, we experienced no feeding, extraction or ejection problems (and this was in a M.A.C. M-10 9mm SMG!). No problems were noted with the MP5 while using the 147 grain loads, it in fact shot several 50 yard groups of 3 inches or less with various 147's. If you use a open-bolt SMG such as the Uzi in a duty role, I strongly suggest you either stay away from the 147 grain subsonic loads or if you are issued this ammo and must use it, that you test it extensively in your subgun. Yours may like it just fine, but neither of our test Uzis did. The Uzi also showed a definite dislike for the +P and +P+ hyper velocity hollow points, loads that the MP5 showed a real affinity for. The Uzi seemed to prefer FMJ ammo 1200 to 1400 fps and Jacketed Hollow Points of a more moderate opening with a hardball type profile.

The MP5 appeared to produce mar-

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AMMO TYPE	H&K MP-5	UZI
Black Hills 124 gr JHP	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
Black Hills 147 gr JHP	pass - no problems	7 failures to feed
CCI/Lawman 115 gr JHP	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
CCI/Blazer 124 gr TMJ	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
CCI/Blazer 147 gr TMJ	pass - no problems	4 failures to feed
Cor-Bon 115 gr +P JHP	pass - no problems	3 failures to feed
Cor-Bon 124 gr +P XTP	pass - no problems	6 failures to feed
Federal 115 JHP (9BP)	no ammo available for this test	
Federal 115 +P JHP (9BP/LE)	no ammo available for this test	
Federal 124 gr Hydra-Shok	no ammo available for this test	
Federal 147 gr Hydra-Shok	no ammo available for this test	
Hornady 147 gr JHP-XTP	no ammo available for this test	
M & D 124 FMJ/Lead-Free	2 failures to eject	pass - no problems
M & D 147 FMJ/Subsonic	pass - no problems	8 failures to feed
Master Cart. 147 JHP/Subsonic	pass - no problems	7 failures to feed
Remington 115 gr JHP	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
Remington/UMC 115 gr FMJ	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
3-D 124 gr FMJ (re-mfg)	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
3-D 124 gr FMJ/Lead-Free	no ammo available for this test	
Uzi 115 gr +P FMJ	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
Winchester 115 +P+ JHP	1 failure to eject	n/a
Winchester 147 Subsonic tm	pass - no problems	3 failures to feed
Winchester 147 Black Talon	pass - no problems	4 failures to feed
Zero 115 gr JHP	pass - no problems	pass - no problems
Zero 155 gr FMJ	pass - no problems	pass - no problems

ginally smaller burst groups, probably due to it's higher cyclic rate over the Uzi.

Overall, I feel that the ammo we tested performed superbly, even with the incompatibility of the Uzi and the 147 grain loads. All of the ammo was more than accurate enough for most uses, with all rounds staying within 7 inches at 50 yards and with most doing much better, most of the ammo fed, fired and extracted without any problems noted (except the Uzi/147's) and most of the velocities met or exceeded their published figures.

If you expected these tests to reveal a clear-cut winner, I am sorry to have to disappoint you. Remember, these tests were derived in an effort to check overall cartridge performance in both open and closed-bolt submachine guns. The ammo that was tested ranges from very inexpensive training ammo from the smaller, regional loaders up to some of the high velocity or high-tech rounds from the major manufacturers, not exactly apples to apples.

For those of you who are interested, these tests may be repeated in the future with additional types of ammo, if there is enough interest shown within the industry. **ABOUT THE AUTHOR** - Earby S. Markham is a security and weapons consultant and trainer who operates in the United States and the Caribbean Basin area. He is a NRA Certified Law Enforcement Submachine Gun Instructor among other things. He welcomes comments or questions about his articles and can be reached at Post Office Box 24, Fairhope, Alabama 36533.

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The test firearms and some of the ammo.

Test #5 - 10 rounds from shoulder with SMG on semi or two-hand stance with handgun. 50 yard torso shots. Measure outside edge to outside edge.

AMMO TYPE	BROWNING	H&K MP-5	UZI
Black Hills 124 gr JHP	5 7/8 inches	4 1/2 inches	5 1/4 inches
Black Hills 147 gr JHP	5 1/4"	4"	4 3/4"
CCI/Lawman 115 gr JHP	5 1/8"	4 3/4"	5 1/2"
CCI/Blazer 124 gr TMJ	5 1/8"	4 1/8"	4 1/2"
CCI/Blazer 147 gr TMJ	6 1/8"	4 1/2"	5 1/4"
Cor-Bon 115 gr +P JHP	6 1/2"	4"	6 3/4"
Cor-Bon 124 gr +P XTP	6"	4 1/8"	5 7/8"
Federal 115 JHP (9BP)	5 1/8"	5"	5 7/8"
Federal 115 +P+ JHP (9BP/LE)	5 3/4"	5 1/4"	6 1/8"
Federal 124 gr Hydra-Shok	6 1/8"	5 1/8"	6"
Federal 147 gr Hydra-Shok	6"	5 1/4"	6"
Hornady 147 gr JHP-XTP	6 1/8"	5"	6 1/8"
M & D 124 FMJ/Lead-Free	6 1/2"	5 1/2"	5 1/8"
M & D 147 FMJ/Subsonic	5 7/8"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"
Master Cart. 147 JHP/Subsonic	6"	5 1/8"	6 1/4"
Remington 115 gr JHP	5 3/4"	5"	5 7/8"
Remington/UMC 115 gr FMJ	6"	5 1/8"	6 1/8"
3-D 124 gr FMJ (Re-mfg)	6 1/2"	5 3/4"	5 1/2"
3-D 124 gr FMJ/Lead-Free	6 1/4"	6"	6 1/8"
Uzi 115 gr +P FMJ	6 1/2"	5 1/2"	4 3/4"
Winchester gr 115 +P+ JHP	6"	5 3/8"	n/a
Winchester 147 Subsonic tm	5 3/4"	4 3/4"	6"
Winchester 147 Black Talon	5 7/8"	4 1/2"	6 1/8"
Zero 115 gr JHP	5 3/4"	5 1/8"	5 3/4"
Zero 115 gr FMJ	5 3/4"	5"	6"

Test #6 - 15 rounds, from supported rest with MP-5 with 4 power scope. Headshots at 50 yards. Repeat once for average. Measure outside edge to outside edge.

AMMO TYPE	H&K MP-5
Black Hills 124 gr JHP	3 1/8"
Black Hills 147 gr JHP	3"
CCI/Lawman 115 gr JHP	2 3/4"
CCI/Blazer 124 gr TMJ	2 7/8"
CCI/Blazer 147 gr TMJ	2 7/8"
Cor-Bon 115 gr +P JHP	3"
Cor-Bon 124 gr +P XTP	2 7/8"
Federal 115 gr JHP (9BP)	no ammo available for this test
Federal 115 gr +P+ JHP (9BP/LE)	no ammo available for this test
Federal 124 gr Hydra-Shok	no ammo available for this test
Federal 147 gr Hydra-Shok	no ammo available for this test
Hornady 147 gr JHP-XTP	2 3/4" (only 2 x 10 rd groups)
M & D 124 FMJ/Lead-Free	3 1/4"
M & D 147 FMJ/Subsonic	3 1/2"
Master Cart. 147 JHP/Subsonic	3"
Remington 115 gr JHP	2 3/4"
Remington/UMC 115 gr FMJ	3 1/2"
3-D 124 gr FMJ (Re-mfg)	3 3/4"
3-D 124 gr FMJ/Lead-Free	3 7/8" (only 1 x 15 rd group)
Uzi 115 gr +P FMJ	3 1/2"
Winchester 115 +P+ JHP	3 1/2"
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OWNERS OF "REMANUFACTURED" GUNS BEWARE!

by JAMES H. JEFFERIES, III

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is quietly taking a very hard and unjust line on all remanufactured machineguns which do not bear physical evidence of having been legally disabled and then remanufactured. If your Form 2, 3 or 4 suggests that the gun was "remanufactured" but the gun itself is an import in pristine condition, then you are headed for trouble.

BATF's unannounced position apparently is that unless a foreign-made gun was imported as a dealer sample or was registered either before or during the 1968 amnesty, it cannot be in the country legally unless it came in as a DEWAT (deactivated war trophy) and was subsequently "REWATTED" on a Form 2. Thus any foreign-made gun which is not a dealer sample and was not either amnesty-registered or registered as a legally imported "live" war trophy prior to 1968, and which does not have a torch-cut receiver — or other marks of having once been legally deactivated — and evidence of rewelding — is absolute contraband subject to seizure, forfeiture and destruction. The harsh effect of this unpublished position is that no matter how long the gun has been in the country, no matter how many compliance inspections it has undergone, no matter how many previous transfers of the gun BATF has approved, no matter how innocent and law-abiding the present owner (or how much he paid for the firearm), the gun will be arbitrarily seized, forfeited and destroyed.

In two recent cases in which I am counsel, in widely separated locations, BATF has taken exactly this position. This must be viewed as a secret national policy because it is emanating from the Firearms Technology Branch of the National Office which oversees and advises (and thus

makes policy for) all BATF offices and districts. The only present remedy an owner has is to risk thousands of dollars in an uphill judicial fight to overturn the forfeiture. While this is wonderful news for us lawyers, it is a travesty of justice for the law-abiding Title II owners of the country and a classic example of bureaucratic overkill.

To demonstrate the unfairness of this newly-asserted BATF position, in one of my cases BATF lost or destroyed all previous registration data on a collector-grade MP-40 in question. After first suggesting

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that my client must have forged his Form 3 for the gun (a claim later dropped after BATF's own laboratory confirmed that the form was authentic), BATF continues to insist that the gun is nevertheless contraband because it is an original, apparently uncut German MP-40 with a defunct Ohio manufacturer's ID super-engraved on the receiver. Therefore, BATF says, it must have originally been registered as "remanufactured". But, they continue, since there is no physical evidence of

remanufacture, the original registration must have been false and the gun is therefore illegal contraband. Never mind that BATF cannot prove the gun was not registered before or during the 1968 amnesty (because it has lost its own records). Never mind that the gun has apparently been in the United States peacefully and openly for more than 40 years. Never mind that BATF has officially approved at least three transfers of the gun during the past ten years. Never mind that the current owner is an upstanding, law-abiding, tax-paying citizen who paid \$2,000 in good faith for a lawfully registered and transferred gun. Never mind that BATF refuses even to reveal prior registration data on a Title II firearm to a transferee. You buy at your own risk and there is no statute of limitations.

In summary, if you own a foreign-made, non-dealer sample machinegun with no evidence of remanufacture (e.g., all original parts, no cuts, no welds, etc.), and you do not know if the gun was amnesty-reported (or know that it was not), then you've got a permanent problem which will not go away. Some day, somewhere, when you least expect it, you could lose your gun to your friendly Federal government.

When you receive your BATF notice of intent to forfeit, you will learn how the last surviving wild California condor felt just before it was accidentally killed by a federal wildlife agent. (We're from the government. We're here to help you.) You will discover that you have just 30 days to post a \$2,500 cash bond (which will be lost if you are not successful) and file a formal claim; you will then have to hire a lawyer and litigate in United States District Court. Several months or years and thousands of dollars later, you may learn that it has all been in vain and it is all over — except for

the costs of the proceeding which may be assessed against you. Oh yes, your next compliance inspection will also be a very educational experience. Hell hath no fury like a scorned bureaucrat.

The only solutions to this problem are legislation — persuading Congress to put a statute of limitations on the seizure of machineguns based solely on their allegedly illegal origin forty or fifty years ago — or bringing sufficient political pressure on BATF to reverse this mindless anti-gunowner policy. Neither solution is necessarily attractive. Attempting to get BATF's attention is somewhat akin to the phenomenon of a dinosaur chewing on its own tail — the message takes forever to reach the brain. And it's not much of a brain to begin with.

Asking Congress to directly loosen restrictions on machineguns is probably on the order of asking it to vote for congressional pay decreases or term limitations. However, a minor adjustment in the administrative provisions of the National Firearms Act could solve the problems without major congressional heartburn. How about an amendment to section 5872 of Title 26 of the United States Code (the NFA forfeiture provision) by adding a new subsection (c) as follows:

(c) Limitation. — No firearm the registration or transfer form for which has been approved by the Secretary may be forfeited or seized as contraband from an innocent registrant or transferee who had no knowledge of any legal defect in the importation or manufacture of the firearm.

This amendment would give legal content to the now meaningless paper shuffle presently conducted by the NFA Branch clerks. If transfers are weighty enough to pay bureaucrats to record, and serious enough to be surrounded with criminal sanctions, they are important enough for the government to treat them with respect and attention and to give them legal effect which binds both the purchaser and the government. The citizen will be prosecuted for a false statement. But BATF can routinely and carelessly authorize 100 transfers of the same gun 99 successive innocent purchasers and then fifty years later say, "Oops. Never mind." That's not right.

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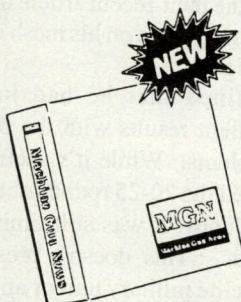
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Whatever Happened to Don Walsh?

by DUTCH HILLENBURG

I first met Don Walsh at the Marine Forces in Readiness Exposition in the D.C. Beltway in 1985. Don was then still associated with Chartered Industries of Singapore and was trying to sell their .223 belt-fed Ultimax 100. Interested clients included the Navy SEAL's who were then seeking a replacement for their aging Stoners. There were a number of SEAL types standing about window shopping but we did discuss the then-recent article in Soldier of Fortune magazine on his mesh donut suppressor designs.

Don explained that he had indeed achieved excellent results with the design but it had problems. While it's useful life greatly exceeded the 20-25 rounds obtained from a Hush Puppy, it was still limited to 400-500 rounds. This doesn't present a problem to an elite military unit or an intelligence agency but these account for very few actual sales despite what the movies depict. Suppressed weapons were rarely used by the military until very recently. It is significant that the suppressed weapons used by Delta Force on the aborted raid on Tehran in 1979 were leftover suppressed OSS Greaseguns and High Standard HDs. There may have been additional weapons but it says a lot that our most elite units were using WWII equipment.

Foreign military sales are extremely limited because of a policy implemented during the Carter administration. Excluding a few police sales, that leaves the civilian collector market as the real bread and butter of suppressor manufacturers. Don said the design worked well but simply wasn't practical for the civilian market.

This is where the disinformation campaign came in. Don leaked word of his mesh donut designs and as he expected his competitors became interested. They wasted time on a concept which although effective had proven impractical while Don explored new projects.

I ran into Don in Bangkok sometime later. At least, I think it was Don and I think it was Bangkok! I was on R&R after spending several months in the People's Republic of China. I remember arriving in Hong Kong with the intention of going to Bangkok to visit an old Special Forces buddy. The next thing I clearly remember is having a horrible hangover more than a week later on the 18 hour flight back to the States. The rest is a very hazy but quite pleasant blur. As I dimly recall, Don was running a bar/brothel. I'm really not that sure. He was rather disgruntled. The SEAL's apparently lost interest in the Ultimax 100 because the magazine kept falling out or something like that. I've heard that some guns ended up with the Contras. Hmmm! Furthermore, the BATF was still being rather unpleasant to regular dealers at this time. Being involved with NFA weapons drew even more attention and the machinegun ban had just gone into effect. Many expected a suppressor ban to follow. It simply wasn't worth the hassle. It was easier to do other things. Apparently, Don resurfaced for a while but has since faded into the shadows again. If Don reads this I hope he contacts me. I'd like to know who those people are in the photos I took while I was in Thailand. At least, I think it was Thailand....

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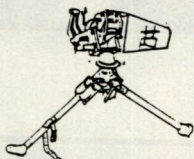
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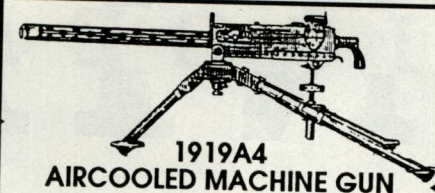
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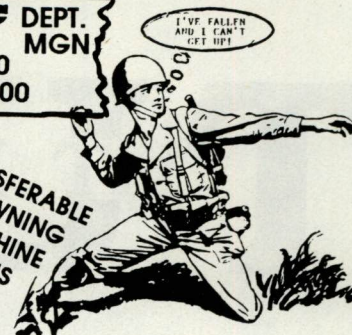
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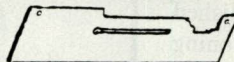
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TUNING TRIGGERS

by JIM RYAN

The most common complaint about suppressed .22 pistols and rifles is their terrible "out of the box" trigger pulls, which really ruin accuracy potential. A good trigger job, however, involves a lot more than the trigger. Here's what you need to know.

The Trigger

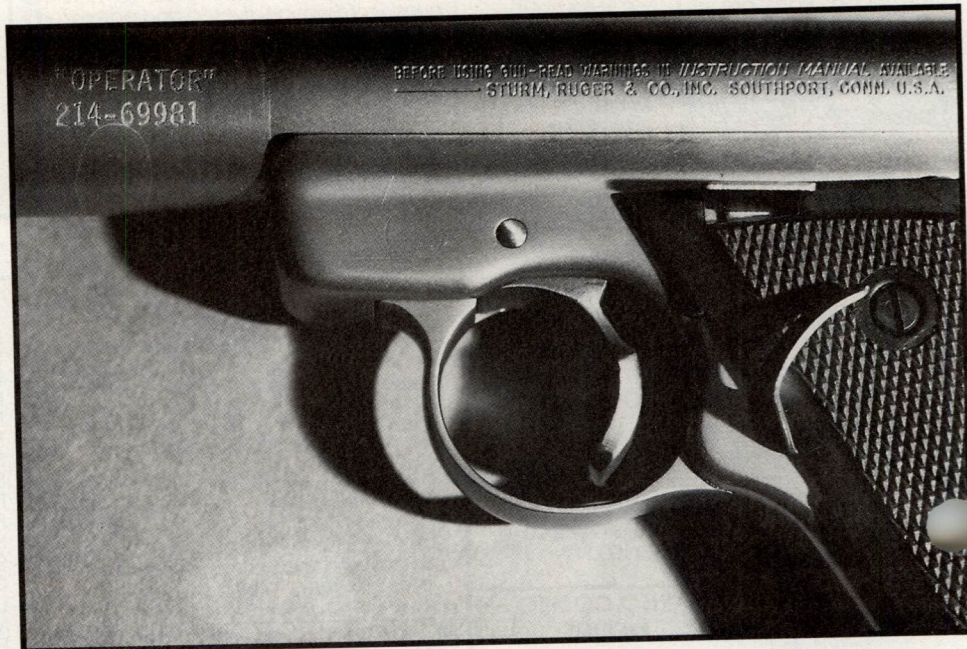
The trigger is probably one of the weakest links in gun design as far as accuracy goes. Simply adding a take-up screw and an overtravel screw will help your trigger so much it actually amazes most people. The take up screw helps shorten the trigger pull, while the overtravel screw limits the pull once the hammer is disengaged from the sear. Both screws need to be properly adjusted or most guns will not re-cock when the action cycles. This involves modifying the factory triggers of most .22s. Even most of the fine after-market triggers available for the MKII pistol lack take-up screws.

The Sear

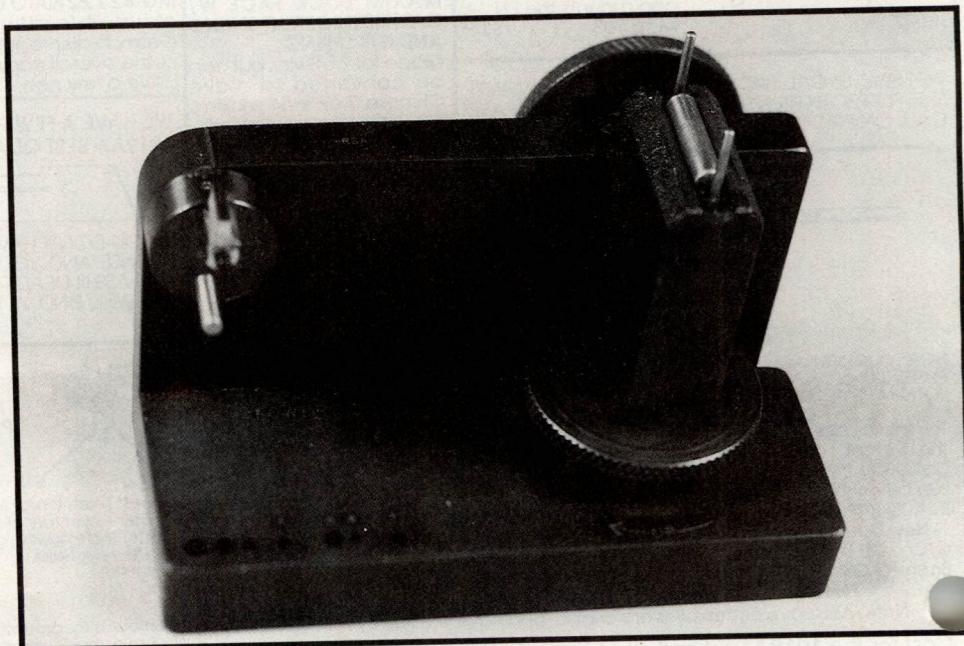
The sear provides the link between the trigger and hammer in most designs. Sometimes the sear is an integral part of the trigger. It's very important that the sear engagement areas are properly polished true and square to adjacent parts. A stoning fixture should be used whenever possible to obtain the best possible results. It's extremely hard to stone a flat surface and keep it flat, as many shade-tree gunsmiths have discovered.

The Hammer

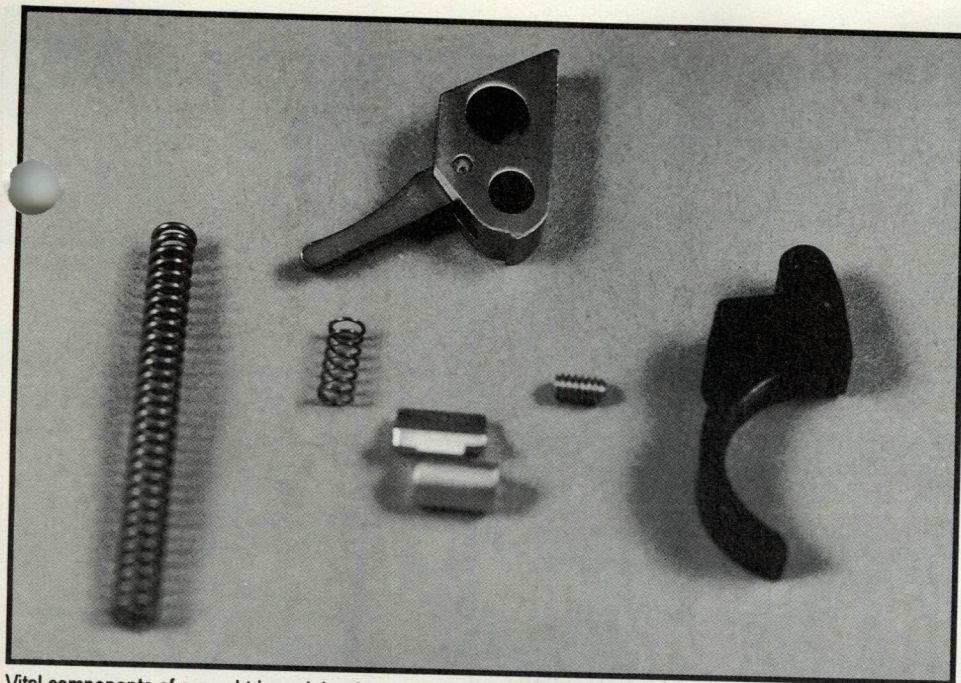
The hammer must be properly stoned and polished too. Most hammers are hardened, and the sear notches are cut to the minimum depth for safe operation. It's important to not actually cut the sear notch, although there are exceptions. If the polished hammer is cut to a questionable depth, the bottom of the notch can be carefully deepened to increase sear engagement. Lightening holes can also be drilled into the body of the hammer to make



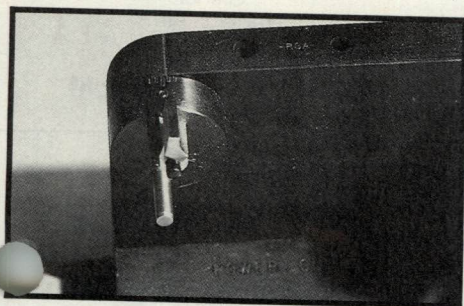
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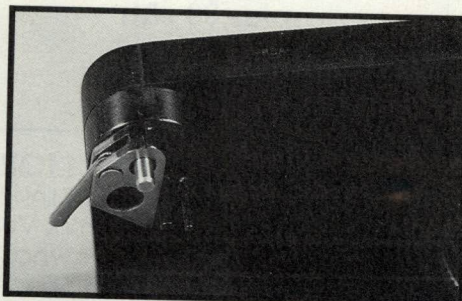
The "power stoning fixture" is a must for properly fitting parts.



Vital components of a good trigger job, trigger w/set screw, properly polished hammer and sear, and good quality springs.



A Ruger MKII sear polished flat and true.



In the fixture, the hammer can be polished to the correct depth.

it fall faster, which decreases lock time. Lock time is the time between when the trigger is pulled and the bullet exits the bore. Reducing the lock time reduces the chance that the shooter will move the firearm before the bullet exits the barrel.

Springs

Many people believe that merely cutting coils of springs provides a good trigger job. These same people usually consider themselves gunsmiths. While there is nothing wrong with conservatively trimming springs in conjunction with other work or adding aftermarket spring kits, it is important to thoroughly function check all parts that rely on spring pressure to work safely. Here are some potential problems with modified springs. Weak hammer springs will surely cause misfires. Weak or shortened trigger and sear springs will not allow the respective parts to properly engage when the action cycles; such a gun may not fire subsequent shots or, worse yet, it may run away. Improperly tuned springs court trouble. It is better to have a heavy trigger pull than a light and dangerous trigger pull.

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The Gunsmith

The most important aspect to safe trigger work is a competent gunsmith. I can not stress enough that whoever does the work must be qualified. Many competent gunsmiths won't even touch .22 trigger jobs because it's much more complicated than it sounds. Do not entrust your gun - much less your safety - to your brother's girlfriends's father's co-worker's neighbor who does part-time gunsmithing when he's not delivering bread, unless you can confirm his qualifications.

Summary

To maximize the accuracy potential of your suppressed .22, seek out a competent gunsmith willing to properly tune your trigger, sear, and hammer. Also, remember that the cons of spring tuning can far outweigh the pros. Test your gun for accuracy before and after the trigger job. If you practice good shooting techniques, you will be most satisfied with the results. So treat yourself to a trigger job.

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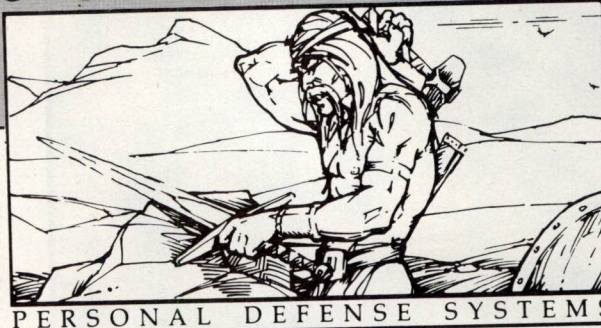
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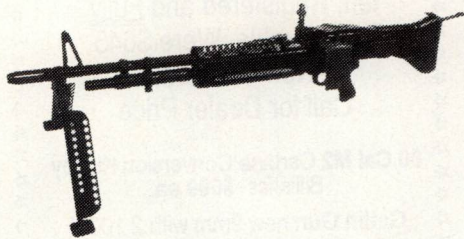
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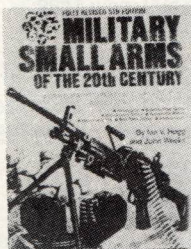
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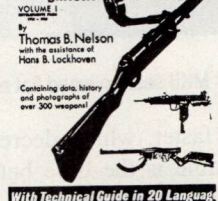


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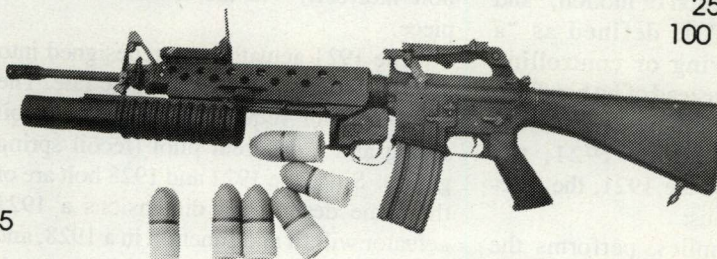
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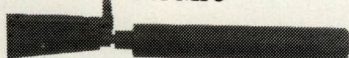
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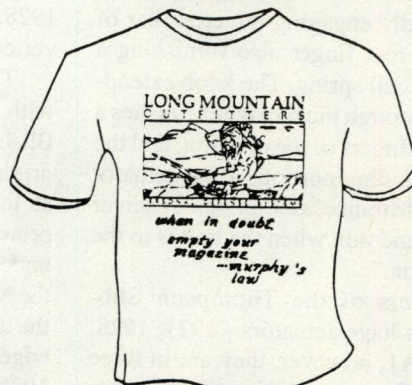
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Tinkering With Thompsons

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Commentary on Actuators



The word "actuate" is defined by Webster's dictionary to mean "to put into mechanical action or motion;" and the word "actuator" is defined as "a mechanism for moving or controlling something indirectly instead of by hand". In the Handbook of the Thompson Submachine Gun, Model of 1921, the instruction manual for the 1921, the "Actuator" is described thus:

"as the name implies, performs the function of actuating the lock under impulse of the recoil spring and also furnishes a projection for manual operation of the bolt mechanism. It has two fingers extending downwardly engaging the cross-bar of the lock; the rear finger also furnishing a seat for the recoil spring. The knob extending upward through the receiver furnishes a perch for the fingers of the operator, and the rearward extending portion of the actuator closes the clearance slot in the receiver against dust and rain when the bolt is in the closed position."

All models of the Thompson Submachine Gun have actuators - 1921, 1928, M1 and M1A1, however, they are in three different configurations. Diagram 1 depicts the 1921 version, diagram 2 the 1928 version and diagram 3 the version for both the M1 and M1A1. All three versions, since the TSMG is designed to fire from an open bolt, function to allow the shooter to bring the bolt to the rear of the receiver. The M1 and the M1A1 actuator does this directly by fitting in a lateral hole at the forward por-

tion of the M1 or M1A1 bolt. The actuators for the 1921 and 1928 models attach to the bolt indirectly via the Blish lock or H-piece.

The 1921 actuator was redesigned into the 1928 to slow down the cycle rate. The 1928 actuator requires a narrower recoil spring and a different pilot (recoil spring guide). Since the 1921 and 1928 bolt are of the same design and dimensions a 1921 actuator will fit and function in a 1928, and vice-versa, as long as the appropriate recoil spring and pilot are used. This means that a Model 1921 can be converted, insofar as mechanical operation and cycle rate, into a 1928. And, of course, a 1928 can be converted into a 1921.

The M1 and M1A1 models dispense with the Blish lock recognizing that the Blish lock did not really accomplish its original purpose: locking the bolt forward at the time of cartridge ignition. Blish's principle was that different metals when under pressure adhered or stuck together. In the Model 1921 and 1928 bolts the edges of the legs of the Blish lock were to stick to the edges of the slots in the side of the 1921 and 1928 bolts at the moment of ignition causing the bolt to lock forward at this critical moment. When the M1 and M1A1 were designed, it was recognized that the Blish principle really didn't work, or if it did, it wasn't necessary with the use of a .45 acp cartridge, hence the Blish lock principle was not used in the military TSMG models.

From a reliability and functioning

perspective, I cannot envision a problem resulting from the M1/M1A1 actuator. It is made of machined forged steel, and together with its shape, it is, for all practical purposes, unbreakable. From a handling and human engineering point of view, however, the smooth short portion of the actuator which protrudes from the right side of the TSMG, seems not well designed to ensure a positive no fumble grip. Gunmachines has made a batch of military type actuators with the gripping portion extended by 1/2 inch and the surface is knurled. The extra portion and knurling are conducive to a positive no fumble grip.

The size of the knob of the 1921 and 1928 actuators, even if they are knurled, seem also too small to ensure a positive grasp. I have felt that the cylindrical knurled knob design currently used on the Auto-Ordnance 1927 semiautomatic TSMG is much more practical. Purists undoubtedly will object; but from a human engineering point of view it is a better concept. I have played around with this idea and an actuator with this type of knob may be forthcoming from Gunmachines.

I have received many calls concerning broken 1921 and 1928 actuators. The 1921s are original Colt made. The ears on the knob sometimes break or the actuator breaks behind the knob over the slot for the H-piece. Finding an original 1921 actuator is difficult and, if found, is expensive. Using a 1928 actuator with the appropriate spring and pilot assembly will keep your

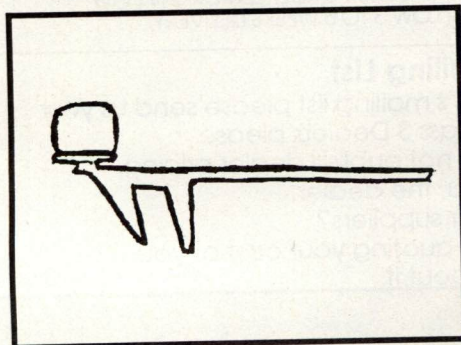


Diagram 1: 1921 Actuator

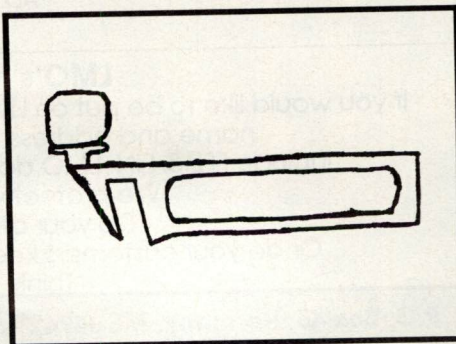


Diagram 2: 1928 Actuator

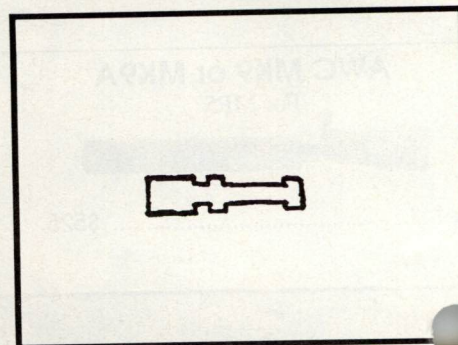


Diagram 3: M1/M1A1 Actuator

1921 shooting, though with a slower cycle rate. Or, one can have a 1928 actuator machined into a 1921 design and resolve the problem. The parts will not be original but your 1921 will work.

Most of the calls I receive concerning broken 1928 actuators do not deal with the ears of the knob breaking, rather with the actuator breaking behind the knob at the slot where the H-piece sits. Except for two incidents, the 1928 actuators breaking have been cast ones which come with the recently manufactured West Hurley Auto-Ordnance TSMGs. Military 1928 actuators were machined from forged steel and are extremely durable. The cast ones seem to be subject to breakage as described. The solution is to replace your cast 1928 actuator with a military one. Or, if available, you could use a 1921 actuator with the appropriate springs and pilot and the TSMG will function, but with a higher cycle rate.

I have discovered an interesting attribute about the cast 1928 actuators from Auto-Ordnance, whether supplied with the TSMG or purchased after-market. A 1928 cast actuator, if machined into a 1921 configuration, strangely, does not seem to be prone to breakage. I have had a couple of cast 1928's made into 1921s and have shot my TSMG very extensively with them. So they have not broken. I am guessing that the less weight that results in a 1921 design contributes to this phenomenon. Whatever the reason, if someone wishes to have a low cost 1921 actuator, I strongly suggest purchasing and AO after - market cast actuator and having it machined into a 1921. It stands up very well in this configuration. Also, I understand that more recently made AO 1928 cast actuators are more durable so as not to suffer the breakage problem. I have not been able to test one myself, but some of my customers have so informed me.

Finally, one other version of a 1928 actuator was made. This came in early West Hurley AO 1928 TSMGs. The actuator knob was peened to the front of the actuator. The knobs were subject to quickly loosening and eventually flying off. I have tried welding them back on, but they would fly off within five or ten shots. The only practical solution to the peened actuator is to replace it with a one piece, preferably military made, 1928 actuator.

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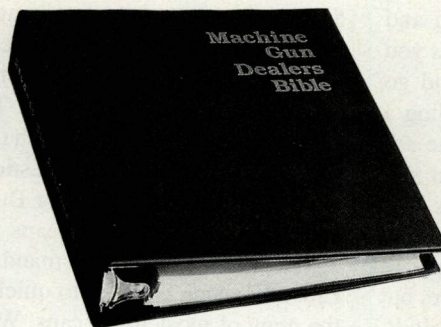
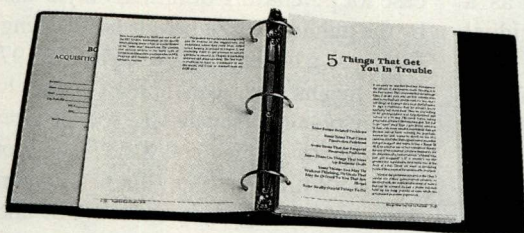
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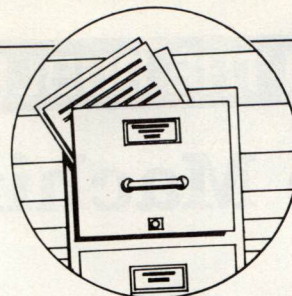
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The Forms

by Dan Shea



A couple of things that I want to touch on before the questions. First is the "German" receivers ad that was in the last issue of MGN, and Shotgun News. As Technical Editor of MGN, I try to keep a low profile and help where it is needed. Vida described this ad to me and we missed something in the translation. It is illegal to order machine gun receivers that are not registered in the United States. Plain and simple. You can't bring them in unless you are an Importer of NFA Firearms and go through the proper paperwork including a Form 6 and Customs documents. The advertiser implied that receivers would slip through customs during the Christmas rush at the Postal Service. He may not be breaking any laws in his country, since receivers are not considered machine guns there, but if you try it here- you will be. **Don't do it, people.** If these receivers were demilled to our government specifications, you could bring them in to make a "dummy" gun. You still need an approved Form 6. Allow me to pose a question - If the Feds found an unregistered machine gun receiver in the mail to you from a foreign country, would they be more likely to; A) return to sender, B) allow you to have it and assemble it into an unregistered machine gun, put you under surveillance, build a case against you, then prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law? I know which is more likely. MGN never knowingly allows anything in it's pages that will facilitate people breaking the law. We may rant and rave about how unfair it is, and work towards changing it, but any slip like this is inadvertent, and hopefully, won't happen again.

That said, what about Clinton's "Hundred Days"? Well, what about them. He's here, and if he isn't, then Gore is, etc, etc. There is a new bunch of boneheads in charge of the executive branch. That means NFA Branch has someone else to answer to, and so does BATF in general. You still have the same boneheads in Congress. It just means we will have different things to contend with. Same game- we try and keep our Second Amendment rights, Congressional panders try to figure out if the people telling them to take those rights away have the most votes, or do we. Only this time, the

man at the top will sign anything they put in front of him. Congress comes back to session around January 6, and Clinton takes office January 21. Call your congressman NOW! Pay them a visit while they are home. Let them know what the issues are- make sure the most reasonable, knowledgeable, persuasive people you have are talking to them. No threats, just facts. But, do let them know that we are watching, and we do vote - emphasize that George Bush was no friend of the Second Amendment, and we felt no loyalty to him. That's why Perot got so many votes- Bush didn't have a clear message, so we didn't stick together and support him. I voted for Bush, so I'm one of the 57% of Americans who voted against Clinton. He has no mandate, and his Liberal agenda is going to quickly stick in the craw of most Americans. We will vote him out in 1996, you can count on it. The phone has been ringing off of the hook, with people trying to figure out what is going to happen in our business. I will try and make some predictions here, as a Reasonably Knowledgeable Individual (RKI). No guarantees, but here goes:

1 - Barring personal choice, Stephen Higgins will remain the Director of BATF, and Wayne Miller will do the same at NFA Branch - no shakeup. These people are the "nuts and bolts" of operating BATF. You don't dismantle the machine every time you change operators. There are no glaring errors from the point of view of an administration coming in.

2 - Machine guns will be left alone. They are already heavily restricted. The only exception might be a raise in transfer tax, or an ending of how simple it is to be a Class 3 dealer. Usually, existing licensees are exempted from further scrutiny- so if you are on the fence about going Class 3, get it now.

3 - Silencers, Short Barreled Rifles, Short Barreled Shotguns, Any Other Weapons, and Destructive Devices will become targets of a manufacturing for private ownership ban. DD's and Silencers will take the hit, because of all those M-203's and M-79's being Form 1 manufactured, and Silencers because of the massive new production and popularity. Note: I didn't

mention any increase in the criminal use of the above, because it is not happening. These firearms are becoming more high profile, so the "witch hunters" will probably go after them.

4 - The "Brady Bill" will pass with great foo-farah about it ending crime. A seven day waiting period on the purchase of handguns will be the law of the land. No noticeable decrease in crime will occur, and the people responsible for the Brady bill will claim that we need more restrictions in order to be effective. A lot of people will effectively be banned from owning handguns because their police chiefs will not sign whatever documents "Brady" will require. Voila, instant gun ban. Get what you want now.

5 - Some type of ammunition controls will be instituted- similar to the useless registration system of the 1968 GCA that was gotten rid of during McLucas-Volkmer in 1986. Why? there is a major increase in case lot purchasing of military style ammo by the public. Lots of people are stashing it. Ever read a history book from before 1975? That means they can defend themselves and are not the sheep that the socialists need in order to implement the "New World Order". With the stroke of a pen, importation can be impeded, and all that cheap blaster ammo goes into the history books. Once again- get what you want.

6 - The "Assault Rifle" controversy will heat up again. Probably some type of BS legislation that will be so nebulous that it's unenforceable, with lots of loopholes, and hopefully, some real good reasons to run it in front of the Supreme Court. I would anticipate a manufacturing ban for private ownership, with a possible registration system. I can't speak for NFA branch, but they have around 400,000 registered firearms right now, and that seems to be a nightmare to track and be accurate. Imagine adding 5 million more to the system!

7 - Speaking of nightmares, an attempt will be made to register magazines. I say attempt, because it would require approximately 200 new employees to run a registry, by the government's own estimate.

This would make a whole lot of felons out there, because no one is going to comply. The present bans are totally ineffective. I think they will wrestle with this, then leave it alone. If they're smart. But, look at the track record.

8 - Machine gun parts and magazines may be restricted regarding importation. I just believe that this will come out as a quick ban that can be done with little public notice. You want it, I suggest getting it.

9 - .50 caliber rifles such as the AMAC, Barret, and Pauza may get registered. Take a look at Canada. They just completely BANNED the ownership! Gun Control wackos always look at what our northern neighbors are doing for ideas to restrict gun ownership. Was a crime committed with a .50? No. If someone commits a crime with a "Sniper" rifle, expect this legislation to include other calibers, and possibly scopes with certain characteristics. Starlight, Infra-red, and "Military" scopes come to mind. Form 4's for Unertils, anyone?

10 - IRS will cross reference Income Tax returns with BATF's list of FFL holders. If you have an FFL and have not filed a Schedule "C" Business Profit and Loss with your 1040, you will lose your FFL, because you are not in business- see your accountant now and make sure this particular problem is not going to come back and haunt you.

Hopefully, I'm way off base, and the Democrats will "Gore" someone else's Ox until we can get rid of them again in '96, but don't count on it. Clinton is not a stupid man, as much as I make fun of him. He is the consummate politician, even more of a wind direction tester than Bush. He panders to the anti-gun droolers, but is acutely aware of how powerful the pro-gun and conservative forces in this country are. Why else would he masquerade as a moderate? It was the only way to get elected. Now that he is in, his track record indicates that he cares more about being in the position to wield power and be considered a potent leader than taking care of every little campaign promise. Let's keep his attention.

Q I live in Illinois and have an FFL. When I was applying for an explosive permit (which I received), a BATF person said no one in Illinois should have a Class 3, I found this confusing since I have the MGDB. Was this a personal opinion or BATF unwritten policy? Is it more difficult to receive a Class 3 in Illinois, than any other state?

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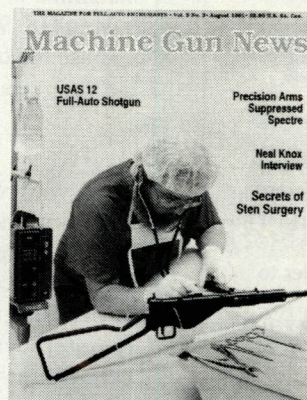
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Q O.K. Dan, here's the plan. I'm planning on buying a registered sear in a lower machined to fit my HK-91. I plan to later buy an HK-94, cut the barrel to 8.9 inches and use the trigger group between the two. Do you see any possible BATF trouble?

Thanks,
Frank M.

A If you read my Raffica special last month on the HK Sear installation, you'd have had a red flag go up over this one, but it's such a common mistake that I'll keep addressing it. Yes, you can use the registered sear between different HK caliber firearms, and you can shorten a barrel to any length with a sear in the firearm and not have to register it as a Short Barreled Rifle. In the second case, you need to "Marry" the sear to the gun. In section 3 or 4 "H" on your Form 3, 4, or 5, note that the "Sear is installed in HK manufactured semi-auto Model # —, Serial # —, Barrel length: —inches, Overall length: —inches." Once the sear is married to the firearm, you cannot remove it for use in another firearm. If you want to do that, register it as a Short Barreled Rifle.

Q I am a full time Emergency Room Physician with a special interest in firearms. I have licenses as a Class 1 dealer and Class 3 C & R. I have not yet decided on whether or not to pay the SOT to become a Class 3 dealer. I'm "in like Flint" with the law enforcement people in this county, so getting anything signed would be no problem at all. What I don't know is whether or not I could do enough business to justify my "private" purchases. Question 1: Would doing transfers for other people (as the sole function of the business) be considered "engaged in the business"? Question 2: About how many transfers would I have to do a year to be legit? I assume that I would have to do enough to cover the cost of my SOT stamp or I would not be engaging in the business for profit. Question: What kind

of charge does a dealer get for handling a transfer. Is it a flat fee, or is it a percentage of the cost of the weapon, or what? I have certainly enjoyed MGN and your column in particular.

J. T.

A Transfer fees are a legitimate business. You won't endear yourself to the other Class 3's in the area, but most of them started out like that. You can lose money in your business and still be legitimate—that would be a function for your accountant to figure. Make a deal sometime where everyone goes bankrupt and you've got the bag, or you invest in something that doesn't sell and you "eat" it. You'll see that you are considered a legitimate business. If you don't do any business for a number of years, collect an inventory, and don't file a schedule "C" with your 1040, expect problems. Many new dealers do transfers for 10%, and make the customer put up the money. Try running any other business at that margin with a low volume. Fat Chance. Other dealers charge between \$50 and \$200 per transfer. \$50 is too cheap, which new dealers soon learn the first time they run into a delayed transfer and listen to the customer carp and complain. All of the time spent on paperwork and the phone ads up. Yet, a \$200 fee for an M-11 that your customer sees advertised everywhere at \$100 cost is going to blow your deal. You won't be doing this transfer. The best thing I can tell you is that a \$100 fee seems to make transferring a gun worth less than \$2000 worth doing, and cover the office overhead. You'd be better off going to the Machine gun shoots and meeting the bigger dealers face to face. If they know you personally, you may get some better deals—which means that when your customer comes in and wants to transfer an M-3A1 greasegun he saw somewhere for \$2000 through you for \$50, you may be able to make a call and get him one for \$1900—his total cost, and make \$100+ in the bargain. People don't always have room to move, but they're more apt to when they recognize your name. That's called a "win-win" situation for you guys new to business—he gets a better deal, and you make some real profit in the bargain.

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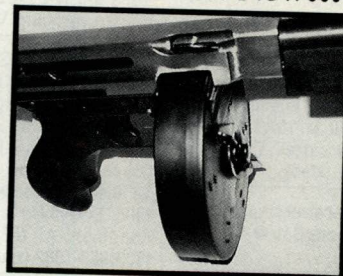
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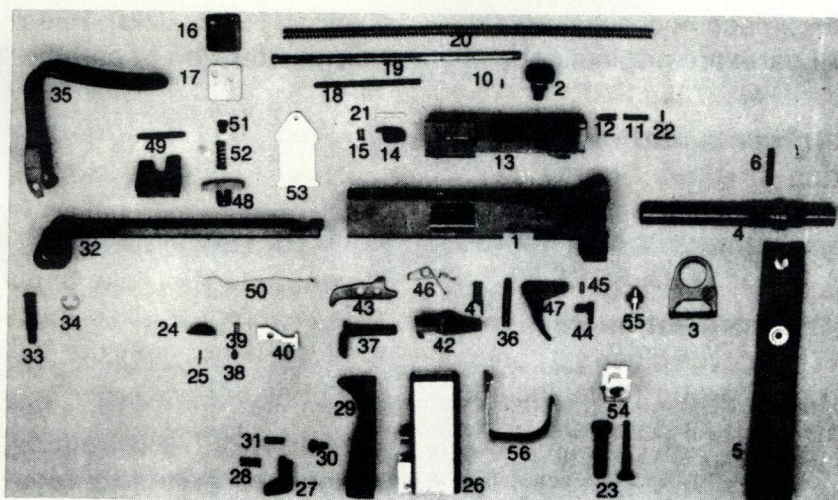
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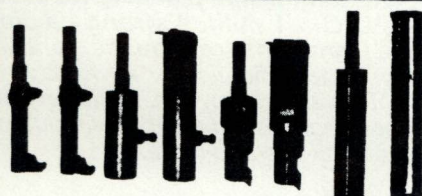
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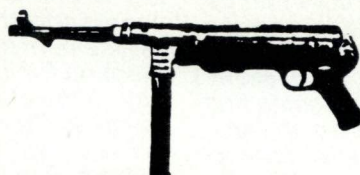
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The future ... always unclear at best, but after the elections, it looks pretty dark for those of us that own and enjoy guns.

Because of my position in the gun world, a great number of my fellow gun lovers call me for my insight and opinion, so here it is.

We the gun owners are the majority in this country. We can call the shots in Washington. Our new President was elected by 42% of the voters (I voted for Ross!). That means that almost 60% of us voted against our new President. We are the majority. Sitting at home griping to our friends and family won't help.

The following is an outline to keeping our gun rights:

1. United we stand - Divided we fall! **JOIN THE NRA!** Even if you do belong to other pro-gun groups, such as GOA (I do), Join! The new hard-line NRA will fight hard for our rights. The NRA we had back in '86 was like Monty Hall on "Let's Make A Deal". Our new NRA is like "Our Way, or NO Way!". If you are already a member, get extra applications - give them to your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors. The NRA went from 2.5 million to 3 million members this year. If every one of us got 5 of our friends to join ... well I think you get the picture.

2. Resolve to make a small change in your lifestyle. Once a month, every month, and every time you hear of upcoming gun legislation call and write your Congressman and Senators. Voice your opinion. Others will tell you to be very polite and tactful with them. I will tell you to be yourself. Our representatives are people. They put on clothes every morning just like you. You elect them to represent your best interest. If they don't do a good job — fire them, elect someone else that will represent you.

3. Bill Clinton was Governor of Arkansas for some 12 years. Arkansas has some of the more liberal gun laws in the U.S. (legal to hunt with machine gun and suppressor). The Arkansas State Representatives are mostly pro-gun, so in those 12 years no anti-gun laws were strapped on the residents of the great state of Arkansas.

The President can make suggestions for new laws that he would like enacted. A majority of the Senate and Congress must approve of his proposed law before he can sign it and make it the "Law of the Land". If we follow my suggestions and millions of us call our Senators and Congressmen and express our pro-gun wishes, I believe we can stop any anti-gun laws introduced. Job security means a lot to politicians. The more we make these people aware that we are watching them (calls and letters), the harder they will work to make us happy. It's worth a try. If you don't have time to write or call, pay someone else to do it for you. (Here's a great opportunity for someone with a computer to start a business.)

4. As gun lovers in the 90's our self esteem has dropped to the point that it is more socially acceptable to say that we are drug dealers instead of gun dealers. Ask yourself, WHY? Well it comes down to misinformation from the

media. If you believed everything you saw on TV, then all Vietnam Vets and gun lovers are psychopathic, mass murdering time bombs waiting to explode mayhem at any given moment. How do we stop them. Buy the networks. Sounds too simple? The best defense has always been a good offense! If 100 million gun owners each bought 1 share of ABC, NBC, CBS and TBS, there aren't enough shares to go around. If each member of the NRA bought 1 share each, signed the voting proxy over to our NRA board members, the results would be catastrophic to the anti-gunners.

5. "Those that do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Even though we are the majority, because of media brainwashing, we act like a minority group. To overcome this let's tear a page from history books of the 1960's. "Equal Rights Movement", probably one of the best organized series of meetings, marches and confrontations in modern time. Let's learn from their lessons. An organized march by gun owners on every state capital in the U.S. would be very impressive. With a little planning we could march on Washington, D.C. - 1 million strong - a pipe dream? I don't think so. Donations, rent buses, tents, a mobile kitchen, a P.A. system, dedication ... all we have to do is say to ourselves - "This affects my life, my liberty, as well as my childrens. I can make a difference, without me this might fail!" We must all say this and mean it.

End of sermon for now. These thoughts are mine and not necessarily those of the magazine. I chose to use my advertisement space to rekindle the spark of patriotism. The Fleming family goes back over 200 years to the colonial days. One of my ancestors a William Fleming, was a close friend of Thomas Jefferson. At Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa is a letter written on July 4, 1776 from Thomas Jefferson to William Fleming. Patriotism runs in my blood. Some of my family fought and died to defend this country, their sacrifices are the reason I voice my opinions. I will do this again next month, more ideas, a new sermon for the choir. If you would like to see a regular series of this, let me know.

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