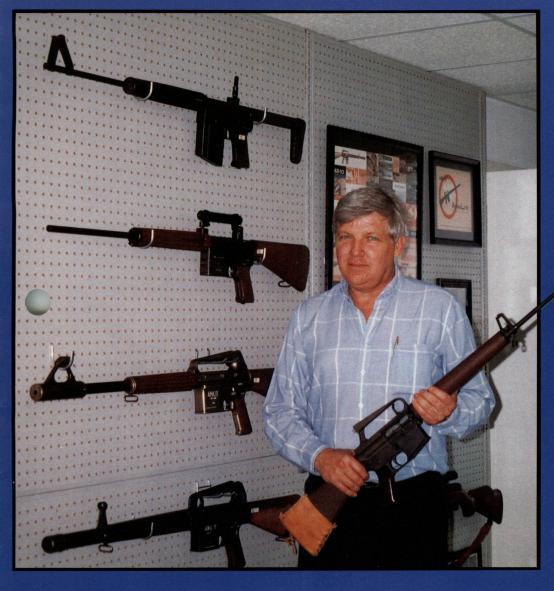
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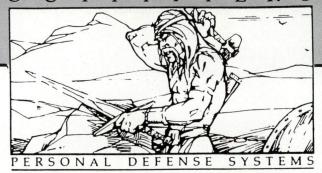
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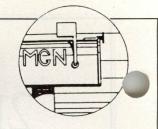
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Very truly yours, Edward W.

DEAR MR. CLINTON,

I am a retired member of the United States Army and quite frankly, I am very disappointed in the leadership of our country. You and other members of our government have been calling me and others like me criminals and non sportsmen. I have never broken the law, but yet, because I own and ENJOY shooting so-called assault weapons, you refer to me as a criminal. A sporting weapon (firearm) does not always mean a weapon to kill something with. Many trap and skeet shooters have special shotguns that are never used to hunt with. Olympic shooters use weapons for competition. I also enjoy shooting in competition.

Mr. President, for twenty years I was

told by my leaders at all levels that I was serving in a force that protected our way of life. They told me that because of the military, we all enjoyed freedom, justice and liberty. All of the gun laws that are being put through now deal only with taking away guns from law abiding citizens. When are you and the other leaders of our country going to get tough on criminals?

A few weeks ago, here in Eugene Oregon, two alleged skinhead gangmembers used a SKS rifle to shoot up a Jewish Synagogue. The prosecutor plea bargained the charges down. They dropped the weapons charge, WHY?????

Please Mr. President, uphold your oath of office, protect my rights as a free American. Punish the criminals and those who break the law.

If saving lives is the real reason, then do something about the automobile, tob alcohol and drug deaths. In Oregon last year 32 people died by guns, 131 died from drug overdoses, and over 500 died in automobile accidents.

Sincerely, Herman I.

POLITICALLY CORRECT

Being a man of the 90's I want to be "politically correct." The essence of "political correctness" is to create alternate euphemisms for potentially offensive phraseology so as not to cause shame for the affected parties. Think of how insulting the term "car-thief" is, it is so much kinder to call him or her an "alternatively abled commuter."

I am a "schnell-schiser" (German for fast-shooter, because it is impossible to create a PC term for machine-gunner). I would definitely label myself as a "copious ammunition consumer" and maybe even "feeding device challenged" because of all the high capacity clips I've been hoarding.

In keeping with my sense of conness, I have changed several aspects or my lifestyle: I never discuss my interest in "projectile discharging devices" (firearms) with anyone except my family and minister. I have painted my black guns green and

only shoot at indoor ranges to not offend the environment.

Finally I'm thinking about starting a ve-step program/support group called 'rrojectile Discharging Device Enthusiasts's Anonymous" to rehabilitate myself and my "fellow travelers" back into the good graces of American society.

Sincerely yours, Ed W.

P.S. Your magazine is great! I read it cover to cover as soon as I get it.

WHERE DO ILLEGAL MACHINE GUNS COME FROM?

A SWAT officer, Craig Gleason, from Salt Lake City, Utah lost his MP5 and 30 rounds of ammunition while on his way to work. The officer drove off with the firearm and ammunition on top of his patrol car.

"Gleason realized the weapon was missing when he returned home after his Sunday shift and went to put the gun back inside his home. The weapon is an MP5 Heckler and Koch machine gun worth \$900, according to a police report," according to the Tuesday, January 18, 1994 Idaho Press - Tribune.

Other SWAT team members have been special assignment to locate the lost MP5 but so far no one has found it. Police departments, schools, and businesses in the area have been notified.

The Idaho Press - Tribune went on to say, "Vuyk, the department's spokesman, said the department would conduct a full investigation and Chief Ruben Ortega will decide if the officer is to be disciplined.

The gun has been placed on the National Crime Index Computer as lost.

The machine gun is not the first to be missing from a Salt Lake police officer. In November 1992, a burglar broke into a marked patrol car assigned to a SWAT sergeant and stole, among other equipment, an MP5 submachine gun from the vehicle's trunk.

That gun was later recovered from a 17-year old Logan boy."

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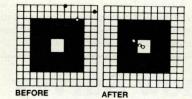
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Supreme Court Ruling

On Monday, May 23, 1994, the Supreme court ruled 7-2 that a gun owner must knowingly violate an existing federal ban on machine guns to be convicted.

The Justices ruled in the case of Oklahoma man, Harold E. Staples who was fined and sentenced to five years probation for possessing a modified AR-15, that the government must prove he knew the assault rifle he owned could be modified to fire multiple shots with one pull of the trigger.

Staples has no criminal record and believed that the AR-15 he bought at a gun show was a legal semiautomatic weapon.

Last November, his attorney told justices that the federal jury in the case was not allowed to consider whether the defendant actually knew that he owned a firearm that must be registered. But the government argued that it is the responsibility of the owner to find out if his obviously dangerous weapon must be registered.

During a search of Staples' home in December 1989, Jenks Police and ATF agents seized the AR-15, an M-1 rifle and other weapons parts. The AR-15 had been modified and when officials installed a bolt carrier from Staples' home, they found it could fire in full automatic mode.

In the majority opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas said the decision was a narrow one.

"...If Congress had intended to make outlaws of gun owners who were wholly ignorant of their...weapons, and to subject them to lengthy prison terms, it would have spoken more clearly to that effect," Thomas said.

BATF Illegally Registering?

During a recent ABC Day 1 program the computerization of 60 million out-of-business gun dealer records was revealed.

BATF Special Agent Pat Hynes was giving a tour through the old-records warehouse for the show's host Forrest Sawyer and said, "Right now there's 20 million records here. We've already computerized 60 million."

BATF has long sought authority to computerize records and there have been rumours despite Sec. 926 of the Gun Control Act McClure-Volkmer amendments. It prohibits any system of registration of firearms owners or transactions.

Also, the Treasury appropriations law has for several years prohibited such computerization of records. BATF attempted to get that provision removed from this year's appropriation bill.

Chinese Import Ban

At the White House on May 26, President Clinton announced during a press conference, that the U.S. should renew its MFN status towards China. President stated however that, "In view of the coring human right abuses, I am extending the sanctions imposed by the United States as a result of the events in Tiananmen Square, and I am also banning the import of munitions, principally guns and ammunition from China. I am also pursuing a new and vigorous American program to support those in China working to advance the cause of human rights and democracy."

The President went on to outline this program that will include increased broadcasts by *Radio Free Asia* and the *Voice of America*, more support for non-governmental human rights organizations in China, and development with American business leaders of a voluntary set of principles for business activity in China.

After President Clinton's speech, Time Magazine reported that the only losers, aside from human-rights activists were Chinese ammunition and gun companies (which only make up a small portion of China's exports) and that U.S. businesses seemed to applaud the move. KFC, the fast-food chicken chain said it would pursue a \$200 million investment in China and Boeing was working on a \$5 billion deal with Beijing.

BATF Gun Show Survey



Department of Treasury
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
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Memorandum to:

All Special Agents in Charge All Division Chiefs

Chief, ATF National Academy

From: Chief, Firearms Division
Subject: Gun Show Survey

Recently, ATF was directed by the Assistant Secretary (Enforcement) to conduct a thorough analysis of the scope and magnitude of gun shows as a source of firearms to the black market, violent criminals, and gun traffickers. Additionally, the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act is expected to increase the number of nonlicensed participants at gun shows. Violations at gun shows can be expected to correspondingly increase.

As a result, the Firearms division recently completed a pilot survey of a gun show for the purpose of developing standards for subsequent surveys. In furtherance of the Assistant Secretary's directive, each field division is instructed to conduct a minimum of two gun show surveys within their respective areas commencing on or about April 1, 1994. Additional surveys may be conducted by the field division at the discretion of the SAC.

The survey results should be forwarded to the Firearms Division by July 15, 1994, utilizing the attached form. The form contains items of suggested consideration following each survey area. These items are intended only as a guide to ensure that each field division collects information in a similar manner. Responses should be brief and are required only for the lettered items. Space has been provided for narrative comments. A separate response should be submitted for each surveyed gun show.

The surveys should be conducted in a covert manner in order to observe the greatest number of violations. Dealers and other participants should be engaged in conversation, as appropriate, in order to identify violations, as well as the license status of dealers. The data should be collected by observing activities both inside and outside the gun show. While it may not be possible to make conclusive determinations for each survey item (i.e. number of criminal violations), it is necessary that the data be collected as accurately as possible.

The surveys should be conducted jointly with Compliance Operations. Law Enforcement and Compliance Operations responsibilities may be assigned as the field divisions deem appropriate; however, a suggested division of responsibility is included as part of the survey form. Consideration should be given to utilizing State and local law enforcement personnel for the purpose of identifying State and/or municipal violations of law.

Procedures for initiating enforcement action with regard to flagrant violations observed during the course of the surveys should be included as part of the gun show plan. The enforcement plan should not compromise the survey operation.

The data collected during the surveys will be used to revise enforcement and compliance strategies, as well as to make recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory changes. Suggestions and comments by the field division regarding gun show enforcement strategies and legislative recommendations are encouraged.

A list of gun shows is attached to assist you in scheduling your surveys. A "notice to dealers" regarding permissible gun show activities is also attached.

Questions regarding the surveys should be directed to Special Agent Ray Rowley, Firearms Enforcement Branch, (202) 927-7770

Andrew L. Vita

Gun Show Survey

- A. Name, Location, and Date of Gun Show:
- B. Number of Tables at Gun Show:
- C. Estimate of Attendance:
- D. Estimate of Profitability:
 - 1. Cost per Table.
 - 2. Admission Price.
 - 3. Fees Charged Promotor.
- E. Number of FFLs Present Co:
 - 1. Display of License.
 - 2. Preparation of 4473s and/or required state forms.

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- 3. Business cards.
- 4. Acceptance of credit cards.
- F. Number of Out-Of-State FFLs Co:
 - Out-of-state License plates in the area where displayers enter the gun show.
 - Addresses appearing on licenses and business cards.
 - 3. Dealers only displaying firearms.
- G. Number of Non-FFLs in Need of a License Co:
 - Sales/Orders for handguns, particularly inexpensive handguns.
 - 2. Evidence of reoccurring sales/orders.
 - Other evidence that firearms are not part of a collection.
- H. Number of Non-FFLs/Collectors Present Co:
 - 1. Absence of items in E.
 - 2. Sales of personal collections.
 - 3. Antiques.
 - 4. Non compliance with waiting period.
- I. Number of Vendors not Selling Firearms or Firearms Parts - Le:
- J. Number of Brady Bill Violations Observed Le:1. Failure to observe waiting period.
- K. Number of "Straw" Purchases Observed Le:
- L. Number and Type of Other Violations Observed Le:
 - 1. Failure to display license.
 - 2. Failure to prepare paperwork.
 - 3. Sales to non-residents/prohibited persons.
 - 4. Transaction by out-of-state FFLs.
 - 5. Transactions from vehicles or in parking lo
 - Unlawful weapons.
 - 7. State violations.
- X. Number of Dealers Selling Assault Type Firearms and Military Parts Le:
 - 1. Illegal MAK90s
- L. Overall Impressions of Gun Show and Comments:



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TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

by JOHN NORRELL

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." — Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

When the first Congress penned those words in 1789, taking them from a list of rights introduced by James Madison of Virginia, its members had little doubt as to their meaning. They and their contemporaries (including especially George Washington and Thomas Jefferson) were firearm owners, hunters and (when they could afford it) collectors. They had just finished winning their freedoms with gun in hand, and would, in their next session, pass legislation requiring male citizens to buy and own at least one firearm and 30 rounds of ammunition.

Unfortunately, the passage of two centuries has obscured their view. Today, some support a "collective right" interpretation of the Second Amendment, claiming that it was meant only to protect a state government's right to have organized military units such as the National Guard. The same media which defends and supports the broadest reading of Madison's other amendments, particularly freedom of speech and press, all too often press for this incorrect view of the Second Amendment.

That erroneous view was shattered a few years ago by the Senate subcommittee charged with the responsibility of interpreting the Constitution for the Senate. In what was probably the most extensive legal research yet made public on the Second Amendment, Senator Orin Hatch's subcommittee documented the right to keep and bear arms as a major individual right of American citizens. They stated, "The conclusion is thus inescapable that the history, concept, and wording of the Second Amendment, as well as its interpretation by every major commentator and court in the first half-century after its ratification, indicates that what is protected is an individual right of a private citizen to own and carry firearms in a peaceful manner."

The subcommittee's study of the

Second Amendment began with the right to keep and bear arms in English common law. The subcommittee found that the right to keep and bear arms was older than knowledge of gunpowder and firearms and could be traced to 872 A.D. The findings demolished any argument that our laws before the Revolution did not recognize an individual right to own arms and be protected against gun confiscation.

In the American Colonies, the subcommittee found, the case was even clearer. The earliest colonies passed laws which are almost precisely the opposite of gun restrictions now being proposed. Instead of banning arms carrying, Virginia, in 1623, forbade anyone to travel unless he was "well armed." Instead of banning inexpensive guns, it ordered local governments to buy guns for those too poor to afford them!

Regarding the argument about "y regulated militias" applying only to states National Guard Units, the Senate subcommittee gave two replies. First, the term "militia" referred to a universal armed people, not to organized units. In fact, when the Bill of Rights was drawn up, the framers purposely used the term "militia" to distinguish it from the term "select militia" which they used to refer to an organized, trained military unit. Second, the debates over the Constitution constantly referred to organized militia units as a threat to freedom comparable to a standing army, and stressed that such organized units did not constitute, and were philosophically opposed to, the concept of a militia.

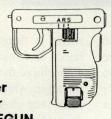
The following quotes say it best: "I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials." George Mason. "Arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion...in private self defense." James Madison. "When firearms go, all goes. We need them every hour." George Washington. "Guard with jealous atter the public liberty. Suspect everyone approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined." Patrick Henry.

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POST '94

by WILLIAM M. KOHNKE

our days was a long time to spend at the 1994 SHOT SHOW (Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade Show). Four nights proved even longer since they were shared in a tiny, and dare I say, far too intimate hotel room with a chemical engineer and two gun-writer friends (don't worry Ken, I won't mention you in this article or the fact that you discovered a good reason for wearing Silencio earplugs to bed). On the plus side, however, I did manage to run into a brilliant young engineer who is well on his way to developing what could be the first practical application of ceramics in firearm barrels. Such innovations coupled with pending changes in the law, as well as new designs in plastics, electronics, and propellants, have now given my oxygen deprived brain the notion to postulate the following list of small arms developments as having the potential to be the wave of the future for the next 25 years.

I enter this fray with the strong reminder of what happened to Colonel Charlie Askins when he made similar predictions at the dawn of the sixth decade (this century for those of you who believe the rumors of the Colonels real age). In a Gun World magazine article entitled "The Guns of 1970," the Colonel foretold of the introduction of small caliber, high velocity pistols; the heavy use of plastics and alloys in all parts of firearms construction; and the demise of the revolver as a serious social arm. Well, he was at least half right though pretty much ahead of schedule in his timing. Exotic materials did appear by 1970 but really didn't catch on until the mideighties, particularly the use of fiber in rifle stocks and pistol frames. As for the revolv-

er, it held its ground until the invasion of the "wondernines" throughout the 80s and 90s. High velocity rounds such as the moribund .221 Fireball and .256 magnum have come and gone — and come again, but now in the form of the .223 (5.56 NATO) cartridge. The pistols which handle it are currently being cranked out by at least three companies. Therefore I'll give the Colonel a B+ for the soundness of his predictions and a B- for his timing. Now let's see how I'll score.

Unlike in Colonel Askins time, the laws of the land are changing almost daily and the impact of these laws will have repercussions that cannot now be accurately gauged. Given this caveat, I'll offer the following predictions for the "Post-94 guns." The first impact will be in the area of size/capacity of pistols. With a limitation of 10 rounds for new magazine-fed arms, the designers will be left with three options. Option 1: Take advantage of the limitation by reducing the thickness or swell of the grip, i.e., make them thinner but retain their full length. Thus a 16 shooter becomes a 10 shooter with a more streamlined grip. Option 2: Reduce the length of the grip while retaining the original girth, thus making the gun more compact. Option 3: Retain the original size and girth but increase the caliber size and variety.

Now the RKI's (thanks Dan) out there will immediately say, "Hey Bill (because that's my name), Smith & Wesson and the rest of the crowd already offer all these options." To which I must reply, "Well, yes and no." You can still find svelte S&W Model 39s or brand new compacts like the Starfire competing with such venerable high capacity guns as the Browning Hi-Power or modern successors like the Glock 17. Competition in the ten shot market will

stiffen as firms like Browning and Glock retool to remain competitive. To remain competitive they will have to be more innovative which means studying option three very closely. This option is nothing new either, many guns are currently offered in several caliber choices, usually 9mm Parabellum and 40 S&W. The same guns are not also offered in 10mm or .45 ACP because of physical restrictions. Therefore I see the makers moving towards a series of new calibers to offset the politically contrived 10 shot magazine rule. Such a move may also prove necessary because of recent rumblings that popular calibers such as 9mm and .45 will be taxed out of existence. The clever gunmaker will want to produce a pistol which is a true multicaliber arm in order to keep one step ahead of the gun banners. The fewer parts needing replacement, such as barrel or barrel and magazine, the more saleable the gun becomes. But the ideal multicaliber gun w require any parts replacement at all.

Oh, I hear it coming now. "Bill," you say, "How can this be?" To which I must reply, "Remember the Alamo!...er, I mean, remember the Astra 400 (Model 21)?" I have one and can attest to the fact that it does indeed gobble up just about anything marked 9mm. So why not chamber our modern arms the same way? Some folks have told me it can't be done because the Astra 400 was blowback operated and that was the key to its success. To this I must say, "Rubbish." In order to test my theory I modified several middle-aged Star Supers into multicaliber chamberings. The Star is a product-improved 1911 featuring some advanced Hi-Power traits. But it is not

> blowback operated. It is a full size recoiloperated arm using locking grooves in the slide and barrel. My test guns have

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functioned quite well with the following calibers mixed in the same magazine: 9mm Parabellum, 9mm Largo, 38 Automatic, 38 r, 38 Super + P. When I get enough cases collected, I also plan to test 9x21 (please send any memorial donations to the Lighthouse for the Blind and Lobotomized).

The cleverest gun designers may want to consider a different tact and introduce some new wildcat cases for their soon to be verboten oversized wondernines. I've already begun preliminary design work on the following "subcaliber" pistol cartridges: .40x17, .41x15, .44x18, .45x17. Notice that the bullet diameter is given in inches while the case length is in millimeters. This was done to avoid any possible confusion with current mainstream cartridges (wait till you see my 40 carbine). Current high capacity 9mm designs possess sufficient internal space to accept up to 10 of the wider cartridges, while the reduced powder capacity of the smaller cases should lessen fatigue to the existing frames and slides.

Though all four calibers are being designed to fit current generation compact "wondernines," the first two calibers are narily intended for pocket-sized guns like the Walther PPK and Sig Arms P-230. Unfortunately some swelling of the frames may be required to accommodate the wider rounds. Therefore slightly larger pocket guns such as the Taurus high-capacity .380, the CZ-83, or the Makarov might prove more suitable testbeds. The Makarov cartridge, being 9.25x18 (.364 inches x 18 millimeters), comes closest to matching the specs of my .40x17 and .41x15. Therefore I intend to use it as the basis for my first prototype (your generous donation to the Fickle Fingerless Fraternity for the Furtherance of Firepower will be most appreciated).

Last but not least are the bottleneck cartridges. I see that Sig Arms has jumped the gun with their new proprietary round, the .357 Sig. No doubt there will be imitators, so for now I'll leave the bottleneck debate to others.

This concludes my brief inspection of short-arm developments. In Part 2 we'll take an exotic look at the future of marshal s over the next quarter century from name guns to Star Wars. Stay tuned and may the farce be with you.

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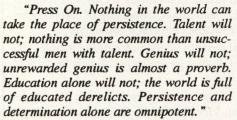
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by DAN SHEA



When I watch the media circus out there, I can lose heart very quickly. It's not a pretty picture. We are assaulted on every front; made out to be bad people who make money off of shooting babies. It's a cross between the Vietnam Veteran's "coming home" experience and what the police went through every day until the liberals decided that they could use them as poster boys for gun control. When they are done with the few politically correct officers and chiefs, they'll be treated as fascist, power-tripping dirtbags again. It amazes me how these tools don't see that they are being used. Come on, guys. Get real. Gun control doesn't make for safer streets, it means a population more vulnerable to the predators out there.

Yet, we're not beaten by any means. We are just portrayed that way. Improvise. Overcome. Adapt. Get your attitude back. Hit the anti-Second Amendment fanatics right square in the front. Hey-diddle diddle, right up the middle. The only way out of an ambush is to assault fast and forward. And, an ambush is what this current set of laws is. It's well thought out, planned and executed. Let's give it back. Get as active as you can. Start a fax tree for information. My fax number is 207-683-2172. Let me know what is happening and I will pass it on. Keep 'em brief and to the point. Get out and GET OUT the vote. Work against the candidates who are stealing our Second Amendment rights. They have a deeper agenda than just your assault rifle. They want to "change" America. Into their image. Let me tell you, guys, I can't sit still for that. I love this country. I love my freedom. I want to pass that on to my children, and theirs after that.

My guns are important to me. I can be quite passionate in defending my right to own them. They represent a key to my heritage. I love to study them. Take them apart, learn about them. Make new ones. Interviewing Reed Knight was a wonderful experience—another "tinker," having to figure all these amazing devices out, con-



stantly discovering new things. There are millions of us out here. Don't lose heart, friends, we are not alone.

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Q I am a somewhat new, but thoroughly smitten, enthusiast to the full-auto world. I own an HK MP5-PDW by Fleming Firearms registered for 9mm, .223, and .308, but currently configured for 9mm.

Specifically, how can I go about setting up the gun for the other calibers and what extra parts do I need to purchase?

Mark P.

A Mark, changing calibers is going to require changing guns. The sear in your MP5-K is the registered part, and that may be interchanged from HK firearm to HK firearm. To change to .223, you will need an HK 93, a three position lower with a .223 extractor, and a weld up on the bolt carrier. To go to .308, you will need an HK-91 or clone, a three position lower (which is different from the .223) a .308 extractor, and a weld up on your bolt carrier. You can buy machine gun bolt carriers if you want to keep your semi-autos as is. Remember that if you take the sear out of the MP5-K, you can't leave the front pistol grip or buttstock on it. That would create an AOW for the grip or a short barreled rifle for the buttstock. When the sear is in the gun, you are covered. If you are making any of the more exotic versions, watch out for the short barrel problem. If it starts life as a rifle, and you cut the barrel under 16", the sear must be married to the gun, or the gun registered by itself as a "short barreled rifle." MGN has done several articles on these conversions. I suggest you get the back issues.

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The L96A1 he refers to is the designation used by the British SAS. The rifle has been improved and sold to about 20 countries. The current models include the AW, a .308 Winchester military sniper version with a 26" barrel, the AWP, a 24" Police version, the AWS, a suppressed version, and the SM, which is a .338 LAPUA "SUPER" MAGNUM with a 27" barrel.

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Sidney P.

A Great info, Sid. Got any pics?

Q Please send me ordering information for your book on "Long Term Ammo Storage" as mentioned in the May MGN.

Kevin B.

A (Dan, have you no shame? I can't believe you're being so... mercenary—this plug is too blatant.— Vida) (Vida, this is a real Raffica question. By the way, what's wrong with being a shameless, blatant, mercenary?—Dan)

Kevin, I haven't finished it as of 6/4/94, but I will in the next few weeks. The MGDB update is taking precedence, right now. The manual you are referring to is called the Hard Times Guide to: Long Term Storage of Ammunition. There is a tremendous call for this information. Not only to help buyers of surplus ammunition and Rafficarians who "pile it up," but I think there is more 7.62x39 planted in Kentucky than tobacco plants. All you nervous squirrels need to know how to keep the integrity of your walnuts.

Q I like MGN very much, with your article on H&K registered sears, I converted a semi-auto trigger pack. Works excellently. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask two things:

1. In the September 1991 issue there is an article on dressing up the Atchisso magazine (for the M-16 sub-caliber version available from Jonathan Arthur Ciener). My question is, will Ken Carter do this conversion for individuals, and if so, will he do one conversion for me?

2. In the July 1992 you have an article on the S&W Mod 76, in another article the cycle rate for the proper performance of the 1 76. What I would like to know is re can I find parts and accessories for the S&W Mod 76? Mag, slings, and internal parts, etc...

Alan K.

A First, You will have to take up the issue of working on the Atchisson magazine with Ken, himself. MGN's intrepid roving Texian reporter can be contacted c/o Machine Gun News. If he will grace you with his service, you may get the mag you want. On the other hand, he's really busy, so he might just walk you through making one. Tell him you miss "Scattered Shots," it might be good for Brownie points.

The S&W 76 is a nice, reliable SMG. Parts are an absolute nightmare to find. I suspect 90% of the whoops of joy you hear at gun shows are "76" owners who have just found a magazine! MK-760, Swedish K, and Port Said mags all work with minor fitting. LMO (207-683-2169) has some MK-760 internals, recoil springs, slings, manual and barrels that interchange with the 76. If anyone else has any let me know. I didn't get the Mystery Photo to Vida in time for this issue; I'll put two in the next one. Here are some other inductees into the

Reference the Take Down Sniper Rifle in Dirty Harry 1. It was a WWI Para Trooper rifle with a *scope. (*Military, I believe.)

John Capalbo

B- The mystery photo for May: HK21 drum and drum hanger. How do I know - I have an HK21 and love to spray brass with it at Knob Creek.

Ted Piotrowski MD

Spot 38 with the doggie van and the "under cover horse trailer."

Accolades and welcome to the Elite!

Q I am interested to know if there exists a replacement paddle mag release that can be retrofitted to the SP-89. I believe that I have read about a company that provides this as an aftermarket part. Also can a SEF grip be placed on a SP-89 with the semi trigger pack purely for cosmetics?

Dave W.

A All of the HK aftermarket manufacturers that were mentioned in my last HK conversion article do the installation. It is easy to assume that you can install the pushpin hole at the same time—no way. Have someone

wledgeable do it. As long as you have no full auto parts in it, and have altered the lower housing so that a full-auto pack will no longer fit in it, you should be okay. I suggest you send a drawing of what you plan to do to ATF Technology Branch.



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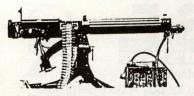
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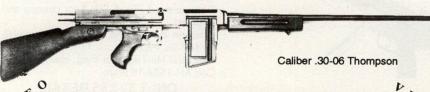
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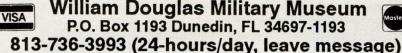
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Q I just received my March issue of the Machine Gun News. One of the joys of receiving mail through the APO (Army Post Office) is that it arrives sometimes. never on time.

The reason I am writing you is your "Mystery Part" for February 94. Which of course happens to be the holster strap and carrier for the plastic stock of the H&K VP 70 Mz pistol. The unit allows you to carry the stock on the left or right side (clips onto the stock on either side) and you can wear the harness low on the leg or on your belt or even under the arm.

I just happen to have a VP 70 Mz (serial number 2193) that I purchased here in the Rod and Gun Club. I cannot take it back to the States so I will enjoy it while I am here. I do a lot of work with the German Police and most of them had never seen one. Apparently only the Bundesgrenzschutz (Para Military Border Patrol) used them.

Only problem with the gun is I need some extra magazines and there are none to be had here. Do you know where I might be able to locate some?

I enjoy your column very much, I am a very devoted reader (and subscriber) of this fine magazine ever since I read the 2nd issue many years ago.

Major (USA RET) Harry

A Glad you're with us Major. Y'Know, if you were law enforcement in the town in the US that you come home to, you could import the VP for the department. Just a thought. As far as extra magazines, that will have to go out to the Rafficarians, I've never found any source.

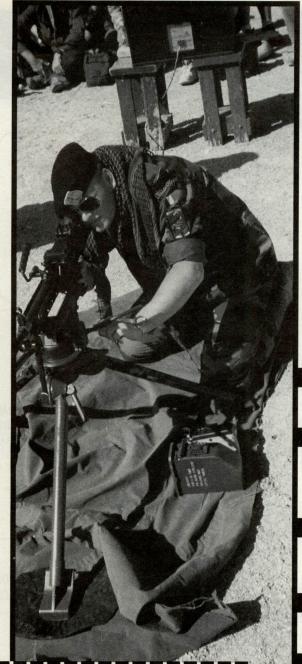
Q I recently bought a 75 round Chinese drum for my AK. I loaded it with Hansen 7.62x39 and it seems to work fine, however, it rattles loudly when it is moved. Is this normal? I know you have seen one of those modified PPsH drums for a MP5. Do they rattle too?

> Thanks, Randy P.

A Probably the biggest drawback to those drums is the noise. At the range that is no biggie, but if you are using the AK tactically, that rattle will shatter everyones nerves, if not get you killed. One of the reasons you see combatants armed with the AK using 30 round mags. C&S Metallwerkes (312-723-5002) MP5 drum made hardly any noise at all when I tested it at the "Creek." Less noise than a Tommy gun drum, which is pretty quiet to begin with.

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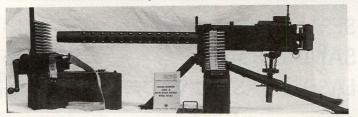
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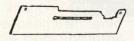
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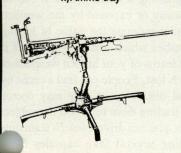
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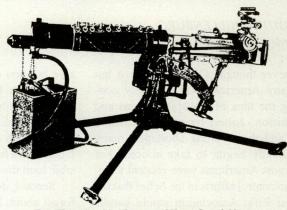


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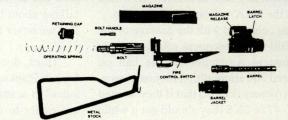


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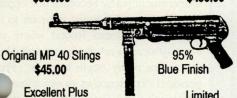
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Gardening At Night; The Arms Cache

Inever thought I'd live to see it but many Americans are seriously considering the idea of stockpiling guns and ammunition. Jolted by recent political events and the resulting shortages, many have already begun to take action. For years, most Americans were content to ignore gun control efforts in the belief that the National Rifle Association would handle the problem. Many were content to let others fight the battles and never joined the NRA. Most considered gun control proposals a noisy political sideshow and doubted that any serious restrictions would get past the NRA's efforts to block them.

Things changed with the passage of the Brady Bill and subsequent efforts such as the Feinstein Amendment. The ban on steel-cored AK ammunition hit just as worried gun owners decided that if they wanted that AK-47 or SKS they should get it while they could. The result was a panic and prices for guns and particularly ammunition skyrocketed as demand outstripped supply. It seemed that everyone decided that they needed to pick up 5,000 rounds "just in case." This buying frenzy overwhelmed suppliers accustomed to a slow steady demand. The supply pipeline on ammunition from China is several months long and it was quite impossible

Several readers have asked for guidance on how to put their firearms into "long term storage" so I offer the following hypothetical comments on how to make a weapons cache. These people aren't wanting to hide their collectible firearms, they want to hide WEAPONS because they FEAR their own Government. I'm not talking about Neo-Nazis or religious fanatics, just normal citizens. That is the really scary part!

for the market to adjust quickly enough.

First, you must always try to be realistic. You can't hide an armored division in your backyard. Consider this emergency stash in the same light as you do a good first aid kit. It will give you comfort to know that you have it avail-

able but you don't need enough arms and ammunition for an infantry platoon any more than you need a hospital store room for a first aid kit. A friend nicknamed this type of stash a "Robinson Crusoe Box" as it contains a few simple necessities for possible hard times.

Second, don't bury anything you can't forget about. Sure, that \$1600 Colt AR-15 HBAR is a great weapon but don't even waste the time burying it. It just costs too damned much! Because it costs too much, you will dig it up in a very short time to sell it or just to make sure it's still OK. We're talking about burying things with the hope that we never feel the need to dig them up.

Third, don't put all your eggs in one basket. Plant several small "hard times capsules" in scattered locations. Small caches are easier to conceal as you disturb less when making the initial "deposit" and they

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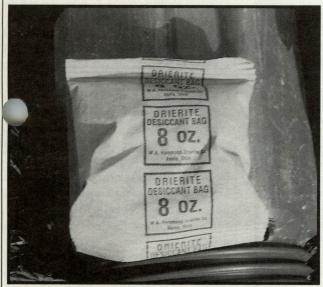
are less likely to be found because they are small enough to be overlooked by a casual observer. Remember, you are planning for long term storage. You might not be able to recognize the exact spot ten or twenty years later or somebody could have built a housing suburb in what was a once pristine wilderness. This is what makes multiple stashes so important. Don't make the mistake of planting a cache where it can be washed away or exposed by the weather. Don't under-estimate the value of having decoy stashes which can be written off if someone learns of your hidden weapons or if a stash is lost. People can find a cache by accidental discovery or they may coerce you into leading them to it. On the subject of decoys, you can drive a search team nuts by planting several fake capsules f with old pipe and other metal debris. You can thwart searchers armed with metal detectors by spiking an area with chunks of scrap metal. They may even give up!

Fourth and perhaps most important, don't ever tell anybody. I know that sounds really dumb but it isn't. Most criminals are easily caught and convicted because they tell somebody about their crimes. The only secret is the one never shared. Don't tell your wife, your brother or your best friend that the cache even exists much less the location. If you are concerned enough to believe that you need to secretly stockpile arms and ammunition as protection against an oppressive Government, then you had better be really paranoid about hiding that secret. If you are correct and the Government really becomes that oppressive, then you have just gone on to the Arms Cache Bonus Round where you are considered a revolutionary and where the scores really begin to grow. From personal experience as an eye witne two revolutions, revolutionaries get snot if they are discovered. Keep your mouth shut or somebody may shut it for you.

Fifth, don't try to hide anything which can be linked to you. Somebody



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may come looking to confiscate it someday. You could always admit that you bought it years before but claim you sold it at a big gun show as a private sale and don't remember the buyer's name. This could be embarrassing if they discover the "sold" item buried under your front porch, however. It would also be very embarrassing if someone accidentally discovers one of your caches and they trace the guns back to you. You could deny knowledge but things

Id go badly for you if you left angerprints on the guns and the inside of the "time capsule." Remove all possible clues as to your identity or risk exposure.

Sixth, make multiple layers of protection for the items to be stashed. Water is your biggest enemy. It can seep in slowly over a period of years and cause the same damage as if you had simply buried the items unprotected in your backyard. Don't forget to consider the effect of the changing seasons either. The freezing and thawing of several winters can damage a poorly chosen "time capsule" and expose the contents to the elements.

When making the actual capsules, it is important to have a rugged, waterproof capsule. Many have adopted the use of plastic irrigation pipe. Cut to five foot lengths and fitted with plastic end

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Once you have obtained the basic "capsules," carefully prepare the contents. Recent manufacture military surplus ammunition is the best choice, particularly that stored in sealed sardine cans. If sealed cans are not available you should seal the ammunition in G.I. ammo cans which are in good condition. Make certain the cans have good rubber gaskets which seal properly. Be generous in the use of packages of desiccant both in the ammo cans and in the cache tubes themselves. Don't open the desiccant packages, just toss them in among the items to be stored. When exposed to air, desiccant packages absorb moisture. If you think that your packages are used up, you can "recharge" them by heating at low heat in your oven. Be careful that your desiccant doesn't come into direct contact with metallic surfaces as it will cause oxidation, better known as rust, in those areas in direct contact. Several layers of crumpled paper are sufficient separation. Don't put your desiccant by itself in a sealed plastic bag because the inside of the bag will be dry while the burial container will be soaking wet! The desiccant will only protect the air which circulates around it. If you have several layers of airtight protection, you need several sets of desiccant.

Unless your firearm is brand new and still carries the factory grease, you should clean it carefully before putting it into long-term storage. The weapon should be given a heavy coating of clean grease both inside and out. The military uses a special grease called *Cosmoline* for the long term storage of firearms. You can sometimes find it for sale at gun shows. You might substitute a good quality, water-resistant, automotive grease. Wrap the greased weapon carefully in heavy waxpaper and then in a sturdy plastic material such as a heavy duty trashbag.

Accessories such as magazines should be stored in the same container as the weapon and similarly prepared. Do not load the magazines as this stresses the springs and may ruin the magazine's usefulness. Don't neglect to include cleaning gear, magazine pouches and loading tools if necessary. A real pessimist might even include a set of light-weight camouflage. There are efforts to ban "military" clothing and you might find such items unavailable if things get so unpleasant that you feel compelled to dig your cache up to play

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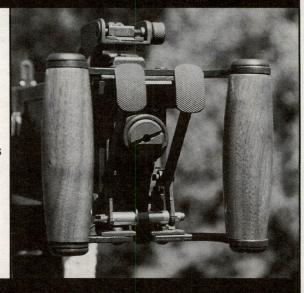
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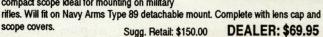
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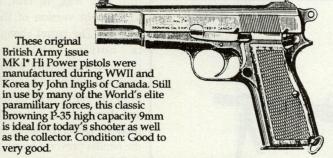
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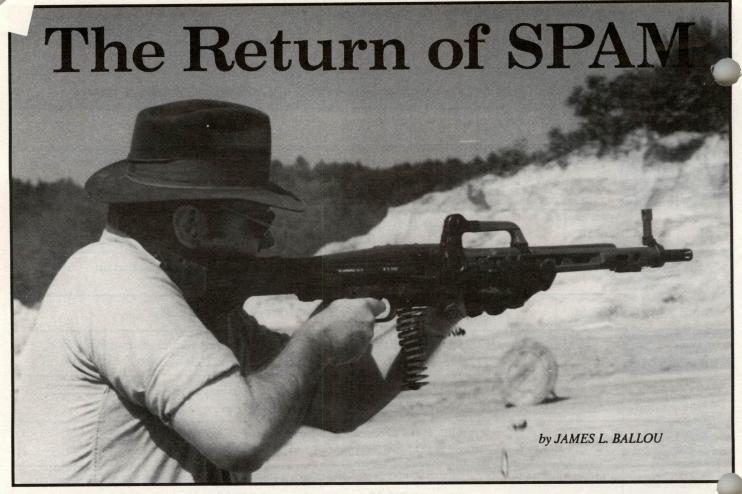
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t is Sunday morning and I am trying to Lelean the grease off of my hands. I am again struck by the analogy of the machine gun as just that, a machine powered by gunpowder.

On Saturday, thanks to the Caveman Dave Wilson, I had the pleasure of shooting my CETME Ameli with the USMC at the site of the Great North Country Shoot in New Boston, NH. The Marines were there to give a "live fire" demonstration of their M-249 SAWS, M60 E3s and M16A2s. I

invited to was demonstrate my MG-82; and for the first time, to fire it outdoors with tracer. I thank Captain Michael R. Banning of the USMC for his hospitality and ammo we put through the Ameli.

First, some background material is necessary. In 1969 the S.P.I.W. program was initiated to increase firepower and lethality of hand-held weaponry. Of course we got stuck with Right view of Ameli MG.

what Chuck Taylor likes to refer to as "that damned Poodle gun," the M16. My only comment on that is, "After all is said and done, it is still a twenty-two!" What was ultimately called for was a squad automatic weapon (SAW). In 1982 tests led to the adoption of the M-249 designed by Fabrique Nationale at the plant established in Columbia, South Carolina.

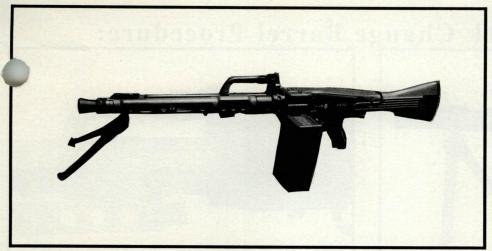
That same year, CETME (La Compania Estudios Tecnicos de Materiales Especiales) produced the MG-82, what they

called the Ameli. In the U.S., it was nicknamed the SPAM for Special Purpose Assault Machine Gun. The MG-82 could best be described as a miniature MG42, an older design from which many features of the Ameli are taken from.

If you look at textbook photos of the MG-82 you will notice that it is different from my piece. The flash hider is different and the contour of the barrel jacket is not the same. On consultation with Saied Shafizadeh of PARS International, I was

> told this was, in fact, a lightweight version of the MG-82. The barrel change is nothing short of phenomenal. Hitting the latch with the weak hand allows the barrel to be turned and drawn out in one swift motion. Different metal in the handle prevents burns; a definite improvement over the MG42. The similarity of the Ameli to the MG42 is from coincidental. Most or Rhinemetals engineers fled postwar Germany to Spain, formed where they





Left view of Ameli MG with 100 rd box.

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Field stripping the Ameli is almost exactly like the MG42, however, there are several improvements. The feed cover has spring-loaded guide rails that allow the cover to be closed with the bolt in the forward position. The main difference is the lack of a forcing cone and reciprocating barrel. This simplifies cleaning and improves reliability. This also allows the weapon to be fired straight up or down as would be required in or against an aircraft.

The feed tray is probably more familiar to M60 gunners. The bolt assembly disassembles just like the MG42. When you see the simplicity of the roller lock and beauty of the bolt head as well as its chromed bore and chamber, it is the epitome of advanced engineering. It is so simple it makes one think, "I wish I had thought of that."

The Ameli MG-82 just looks good. Its

green finish is very appealing. The Marines all noted how easily the weapon's 14 lbs. can be carried. It is easily fired from the shoulder without climb or vibration. I first saw the MG-82 in 1982 while working for Viking. Even then I thought this would be the perfect belt-fed. As I get older, humping an MG42 or a B.A.R. gets more difficult. The belt fed 5.56mm seems perfect for me.

The Ameli is normally a weapon not known for its problems. My first problems occurred with pierced primers. A phone call to Saied at PARS confirmed that this problem did plague early imports. Saied was most gracious in helping me out even though the weapon had not been purchased from him. The problem was solved by trimming the firing pin. Interestingly, the firing pin is backed by a rubber tube.

I must say that I was disappointed with the Ameli's performance. I have yet to get



Ameli with 100 rd box showing feed mechansim.

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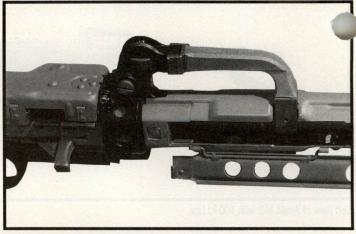
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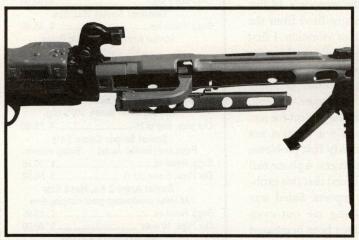
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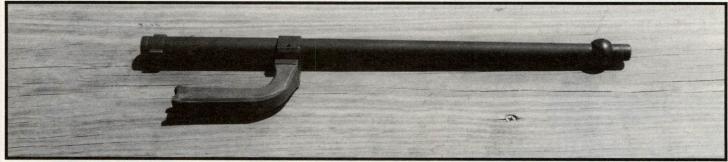
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Rotate barrel 90 degrees to right, then push forward.



Barrel removes from right side.



Ameli barrel assembly.

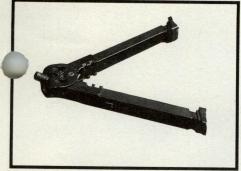
a 100 round burst without a stoppage. Immediate action usually produces a resumption of fire. However, don't apply immediate action a second time, particularly if a live round is not ejected. Popping the top cover will usually find a round stuck partially into the chamber. All you old MGer's know what that means: poor extractor. Sure enough, it was flippy floppy.

A week after the shoot with the Marines, I was at Alex Noftsger's for an auction/shoot. I remember it as the day my guns quit. Not to bemoan my problems; my Ameli didn't work, my MP40 didn't work, and my faithful MP5 extractor spring was showing signs of weakness. That seemed to be the problem with all three guns. Spare springs anyone?

I contacted Tim LaFrance of LaFrance Specialties. He is a one man fan club of the Ameli. He has an early one of the same pattern used by the SAS. His explanation for my problems made sense. He stated that the light weight takedown had a tendency to stretch receivers, putting them out of synchronization. Further, the increased cyclic rate at 1200 rounds per minute needed to be buffered. He also stated that the gun worked best with SS109 ammunition. He offered to rework my Ameli so it would work. Due to Tim's reputation in the field, I immediately "Form Fived" it to him.

Tim's wife, Julia, was most gracious in keeping me informed of the progress. T sent my Ameli back to me in time for August North Country Shoot. Tim was right. With SS109 the weapon fired fine, anything else was jam city.

To continue my adventure, I went to the



Ameli bipod.

city of Lost Wages (Las Vegas) for the Soldier of Fortune Convention in September. I am here at the invitation of Peter Kokalis, SOF's resident machine gun expert. Paul Craven and I are going to demonstrate the C3 Rapid Loader. In finalizing our demo with Kokalis, I mentioned that I had an Ameli. He immediately invited me to shoot with the Emma Gees in the Fabulous Firepower Demo held in the desert outside the city. I was thrilled at the prospect of shooting with this group. I made arrangements to bring the gun and ammo to Las Vegas. Unfortunately, my ammo never arrived.

Due to some serendipity, both Tim and Julia LaFrance were at the convention. Tim nost competent and Julia as charming as her voice sounded on the phone. Tim checked out the gun and gave me tips on making sure the Ameli worked.

After a short sleep, Saturday, September 19th dawned bright and hot. I donned my BDUs, holstered my .45 and tightened the laces of my combat boots. I was ready for the ordeal of fire with the Emma Gees.

Later that day at the range, the Ameli drew many a lingering look and was photographed countless times. Even Robert K. Brown fondled her with a covetous eye. I was number two on the line next to the video camera. For the tenth time I instructed Jerry Pearson on how to feed the belt to the Ameli. Then Murphy reared his head. A good friend suggested, strongly, that I lubricate my belts before firing! Remember, the Ameli has a fluted chamber.

As Peter Kokalis began his tirade against the @\$#*ing M60 he introduced me and the Ameli. I stood up to fire. I was sure the audience would be unable to see such a small weapon. The first time I pulled trigger, I was rewarded with that asant push that said, "OK, I'll work for you." I pushed my luck for a second burst. It was a short burst...stoppage. I quickly

The great Mad Minute had begun.



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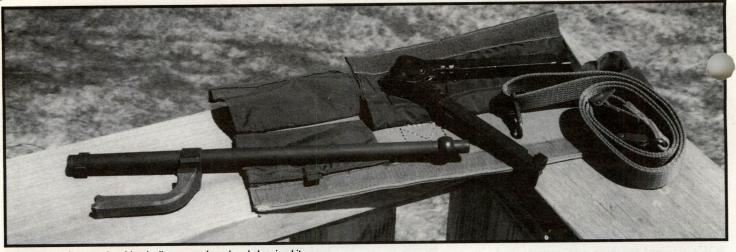
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cleared and sat down.



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Ameli accessories case.

Dynamite and gasoline exploded five hundred meters in front of me. All the while I am furiously working on my Ameli. Three or four bursts then stoppage. Clear and continue. After 100 rounds a case stuck so I changed barrels and continued firing. Two more stoppages, then another stuck case. The command for cease fire ended my ordeal.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who helped me in my quest for the ideal belt fed. Apologies to Tim LaFrance for letting him down. Obviously, one does not lubricate rounds for a fluted chamber gun.

The Ameli, as conceived, was a brilliant idea. But, because of my less than satisfying experiences with the Ameli, I would NOT carry an Ameli where my life depended on it. In my opinion it is a pretty green "show gun" that, like SPAM, looks great but I wouldn't want a steady diet of it.

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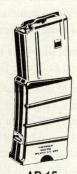


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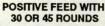
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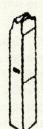
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THE INTERVIEW: C. REED KNIGHT, JR.

by DAN SHEA

The lack of hills was a striking change to my eyes as I drove through the citrus groves of Vero Beach, Florida. It was quite a climate shock to go from "Mud Season" Maine to this idyllic setting. MGN has had a standing invitation to interview Reed Knight for the last year, and our schedules had finally matched enough for this meeting. Wild horses couldn't have kept me away from this interview. In addition to the interview, this Rafficarian was given the opportunity to test fire many of the prototypes and newest technology that Knight's had to offer. I will not divulge any of these devices at this time, because I can take a hint. At my mention of breaking this information out to the readers, a colorful and very graphic discussion started about the wound ballistics testing of various projectiles they had been working on, and the need for further testing. Your faithful correspondent will fill you in when he gets permission.

C. Reed Knight, Jr., has been a "background" figure in the machine gun industry since the mid 1970's. His name and companies have been synonymous with innovation and covert contracts in the suppressor industry since that period. He has consistently led the technology in sound suppression and exotic weapons systems. Little has been known about this private man, and he has just recently decided to step into the limelight with this, his first interview, exclusive with MGN.

MGN: Reed, you seem to have a passion for firearms. When would you say that this interest started?

Knight: My father and I would go out in the citrus groves on the weekends, Sunday afternoon, and on into the late evenings with rifles and pistols, shooting targets and hunting rabbits.

MGN: Pretty much a rural upbringing where you were around firearms all the time?

Knight: You bet.

MGN: The name "Knight" has been a standard for suppressors and suppressed firearms for quite a few years with people in the industry. Your background in suppressed firearms reaches back to...

Knight: In the mid 70's I was doing some "things" for the SEAL teams and one of the problems they were having was with a piece of equipment they had during the Vietnam era: the "Hushpuppy." They started a conversation going that they wanted to improve on

the Hushpuppy (*Editor's note*: Hushpuppy was the 9mm suppressor on a S&W 39). We worked with it and played with it. Around that time period, they had the S&W Model 39's and green-tip supervel ammo. They had a problem with the round sticking in chamber and not extracting. The extractor was climbing out over the rim of the cartridge and leaving the empty cartridge case in the chamber, so they used a slide lock on the early Model 39's. From there we developed some ammunition, and a better weapons system as well as some different types of suppression technologies.

MGN: It sounds like your interest in suppressors was predated by an interest in other exotic firearms.

Knight: The real interest at that time was that I originally collected S&W handguns. I did that for years and years, from the late 1960's. Then in the early 1970's a guy came up to me at a gun show and gave me a barrel and barrel bag for a Stoner 63. I didn't even know what it fit (laughs). I started out on a journey to try to find out everything I could about the Stoner System. Through my searching, I acquired an enormous load of parts for the Stoner System. The SEALs had Stoners and I was recommended "through the grapevine" as the man to go up there and fix their guns. I went to Little Creek and proceeded to do so. They had, if I remember, about twenty-four 63's and out of the twenty-four only about six or eight of them were functional. The rest of them had broken parts and pieces that were missing. A real mess. So I refurbished all their guns and got them up and running.

MGN: Did you act as a government contractor for them?

Knight: At that time it was for love, not for money. The Stoner 63's were my passion. It was the beginning of a good relationshiwith the SEAL teams. This was very early on in their history. The shared a lot of information. SEALs are a very tight-knit group and you almost have to be one to get into the "nest." Because we were sharing technology with each other, it was a kind of relationship that we both benefitted from.

MGN: Was the SEAL team structure somewhat similar to what it is today?

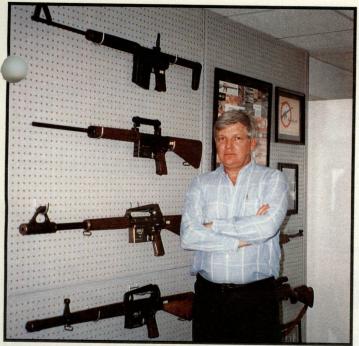
Knight: Much smaller. At that time there was just SEAL TEAM ONE (West Coast) and SEAL TEAM TWO (East Coast). It was shortly thereafter I believe, the other teams came along, but the one that we dealt with and that I had the best relationship with was SEAL TEAM TWO.

MGN: This was your launching point with suppressor manufacture for the U.S. Military?

Knight: No, that really came quite a bit after that. In the beginning of the 80's or the late 70's I built a few little parts and pieces. But no significant volume at that point in time. We did a lot of experimenting, a lot of new technology, cut and try type items. I would have to say maybe the late 70's is when we started building for sale to the government.

MGN: You've worked on a lot of different prototype situations for suppressors, the DEA 9mm Colt system. Are all the DEA systems something that you designed?

Knight: The DEA was a suppressor that we built for Colt clusively. Colt had sold the DEA a 9mm submachine gun and we built an integral suppressor. Colt supplied me with the parts of the machine gun, and we built them and then transferred them back to Colt. Colt sold them to the DEA.



Reed Knight poses in front of the four evolutionary prototype models of the AR-10. From top No. 1 in caliber .30-06 with BAR magazine and Johnson rear sight; No 2. in caliber 7.62/.308 with telescopic sight; No 3. the "AR-10A" and No. 4 the definitive American AR-10. History really does repeat itself! Reed's pose in the photo is the same pose made by Gene Stoner himself for *Guns Magazine* back in 1957.

MGN: I'm not sure exactly what territory I should or shouldn't get into about government contracts, Reed. You know, you've got the Beretta series with the clip-on can and the slide lock.

Knight: The Snap-On.

MGN: The Snap-On unit; that technology came about in the mid or late 80's?

Knight: Believe it or not, there was an RFP (Request For Proposal), that was submitted in about '79 and a contract was awarded to Smith & Wesson and Beretta to develop the suppressor for the next generation of handguns. It was from the Air Force, a JSSAP contract and the Air Force administered it. I proposed, along with Beretta and S&W and lost. They awarded two contracts: one to Beretta and one to S&W. That contract went for about three years of developing so the government pretty much had established what criteria they wanted in the suppressor and gun technology. The M9 had not been adopted yet, so no one really knew who was going to be the winner of the M9. I'd done so much work with the Beretta that I went ahead and built my own technology, not particularly paying attention to the technology that they wanted. One of the requests on the RFP was that the silencer needed to be attached to the frame of the gun. I didn't think that was the way to go, so I developed a separate unit. In about 1983, when they started testing it, I submitted my Snap-On to the Air Force as an unsolicited proposal to compete with the Beretta and S&W. Of course, we won that shoot-out. It took them such a long time to decide, from '80 to when they tested it in about '84. In '84 they had already decided the "M9" would be the Beretta, and they already decided that le of the requirements that they had stipulated in the original RFP were no longer necessary. We were able to bring something

to the table that we thought was a better mouse-trap: size, weight,

simplicity, etc. We walked away with that contract.

...I started on a journey to try to find out everything I could about the Stoner System. Through my searching, I acquired an enormous load of parts for the Stoner System. The SEALs had Stoners and I was recommended "through the grapevine" as the man to go up there and fix their guns. I went to Little Creek and proceeded to do so. They had, if I remember, about twenty-four 63's and out of the twenty-four only about six or eight of them were functional. The rest of them had broken parts, and pieces that were missing. A real mess. So I refurbished all their guns and got them up and running.

MGN: What different groups are carrying that suppression system now?

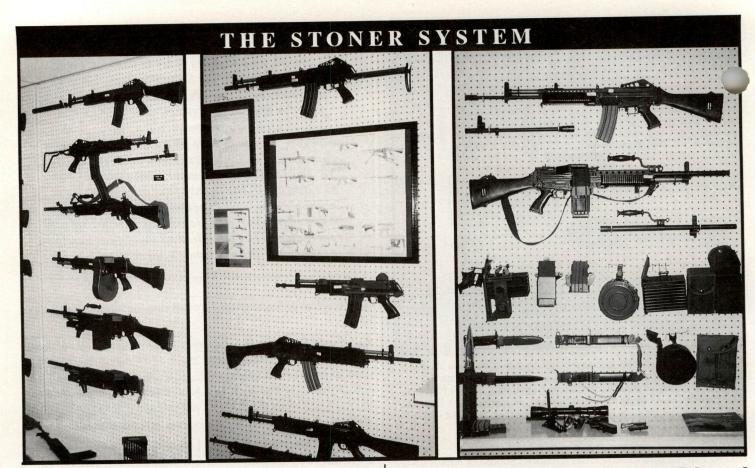
Knight: U.S. Air Force, obviously, since that was an Air Force contract. From that start, pretty much all of the different services have at one time or another purchased a few of these. They all have some. The Army has some, the Navy has very few, the Air Force has quite a few, and the SOCOM people have quite a few. Contracts are in the multiple thousands, to give a ballpark estimate.

MGN: Off the track, you and I have talked many times before about the MAC auction. I seem to remember there were two MAC auctions. Would you....

Knight: I only know of the one that I attended. I don't know the time frame, but I want to say 1975. That was at the Military Armament plant in Georgia. There was a bankruptcy auction, and there were quite a few Class 3 dealers there. This is something I will probably be able to tell my grandchildren about; it was quite an experience. I remember sitting next to a friend and raising my hand to buy a hundred Mac-10's. They had Mac-10's on pallets of a hundred. The auctioneer said, "Look, we're not going to sell these guns for any less than six dollars apiece. So if you guys want them, they're on a pallet of a hundred and they're six hundred dollars a pallet. That's as few guns as we're going to sell at this low price and either you're going to pay that, or we're going to cut them up." I raised my hand to buy another pallet and the dealer next to me (he'd been in the business for probably five or six years, while I only owned two machine guns when I went there), turned and said, "You're buying nothing but bookends, they'll never be any good, you're liable to never get these guns. Bookends, that's all you're buying." In a period of about three days, I walked out of there the new owner of 750 NFA weapons, shaking my head and wondering what in the world I'd just done.

MGN: Well, obviously it wasn't a bad situation to get yourself into. Were there any other interesting items on sale there?

Knight: Oh yeah, there were a lot of interesting prototype weapons. I remember I tried to buy a lot of them. There was a guy buying M-11's (.380 caliber). There were very few M-11's at the auction, probably only 150 M-11's and there were about 6000 .45's and maybe 5000 or 6000 Mac-10 9mm's. He was trying to buy up all of the .380's and it drove the price up. When I say drove the price up, I think I paid as much as fifty dollars or so for M11's, ten times what you were paying for 9mm's and .45's. All the 9mm's didn't



have magazines with them and some of the guns were put together, some of them weren't. There were neat prototype silencers, and I managed to buy a lot of them. I still have some of the weapons I bought at the auction. There were some very interesting "things."

MGN: A lot of the SIONICS prototypes were in there?

Knight: I got a lot of the SIONICS prototypes at that auction.

MGN: There was a Minigun that went at the auction...

Knight: That was not at the auction. Mitch WerBell had it...he was at odds with Military Armament at that time.

Military Armament was going through the bankruptcy and Mitch had his own collection. I was with an old friend of mine who knew Mitch, and after the auction we drove over to Mitch's house. We sat down and there was his Minigun, stripped, just the receiver. If I remember right, it was serial number 6 and he wanted six hundred dollars for it. I basically thought to myself, not knowing any better, I'll never be able to get the parts for that thing, and I've already spent so much money this weekend I just better not buy it. I remember Fred Rexer, a guy who was in the business at that time, was very interested in trying to buy all the guns at the Military Armament auction and he was over at Mitch's house. He was quite disgruntled at the new machine gun dealers messing up his deal with the Military Armament bankruptcy auction. He was quite hostile. I thought it was quite interesting because he'd been in it for a number of years and he really didn't want anybody else in the business except him. Of course, things have changed a lot today.

MGN: There's still a few dealers with attitude problems, although, thankfully they seem to be a minority. Back to your interest in the Stoner systems. It has followed you through all the years and one of the products you have is the SR-25 rifle system. Was that design in conjunction with Mr. Stoner?

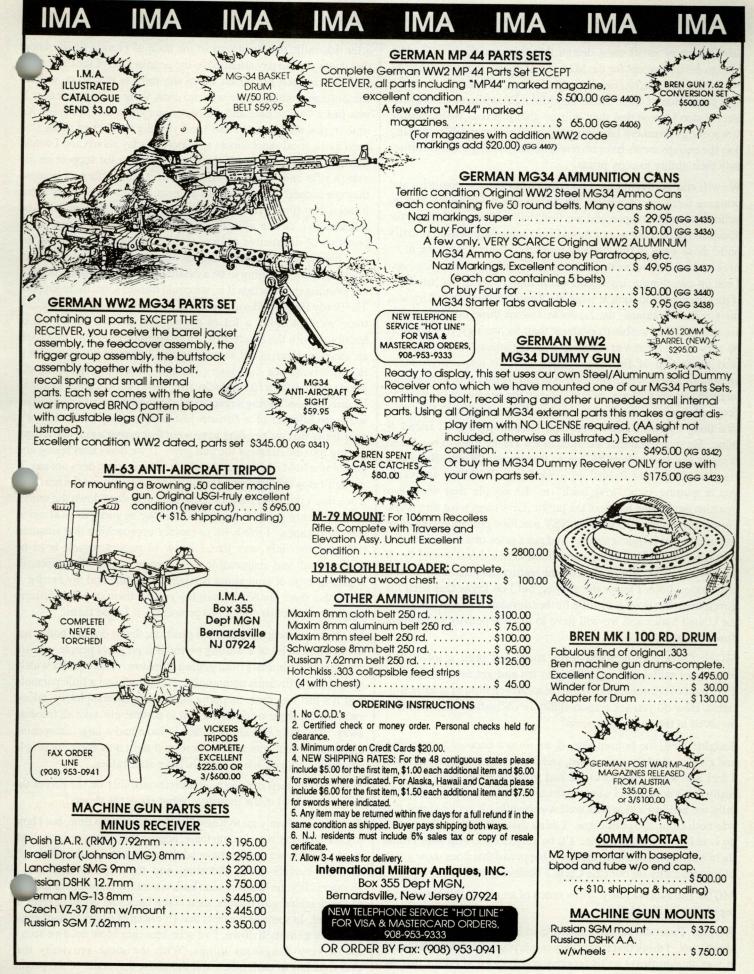
Knight: In the late 70's when I teamed up with the SEAL teams, I had contacted Cadillac Gage and then contacted Gene Stoner in mid-70's. He lives about 30 miles from me in Florida at a winhome. I was able to get with him and talk to him. He called me up in the early 80's and said he had a lot of the things from Cadillac Gage and they were cleaning some warehouses and if I'd like to, why don't I come up to Ohio (where he had his factory). I moved thirteen tons of Stoner tooling and parts from Ohio to Florida in the early '80's. I've played around with that, and from there Gene and I worked very closely, especially after he sold his business (in the mid'80's) and pretty much retired to Florida. We've been working together quite successfully and we've done a lot of neat projects. We've worked together on many, many things and one of the projects we're doing with great success is the SR-25, which Gene designed one summer up in this Michigan home.

MGN: Which was based on the AR-15 system in .308 with...

Knight: Well, actually it was kind of a combination. The AR-10 was a great success in its own right, not very well known in the United States, mostly known in Europe and some other countries. Knowing that there were already six or seven million M16's around, a proven, accepted design, we took the best of both worlds and where we could combine the two of them together, we made an AR-10/AR-15, an SR-25. There is new technology involved here also.

MGN: We've been hearing a lot about the SR-25, and we'll be doing a test in *Machine Gun News*. As a collector, for many, myears of having been involved in the Class 3 world, you must had some strong reactions to the 1986 law, more than just the loss of having some machine guns around.

Knight: I guess there's two main things. The Pre-86 guns that all of us had jumped tremendously in price after '86. A lot of money



was made. The criminal part of it is about the people interested in preserving and understanding the future of small arms designs. I feel that every small arms design that this country is using is a foreign design, except for the M16 and of course the Browning M2 50. Everything else has been brought in from off-shore because the next generation of Gene Stoners and John Brownings can't experiment. I don't know that they will be able to exist. We're closing down our government labs in a very swift manner. We're making it so the entrepreneurs have no research and development facilities, only their ability to copy prints.

We will end up buying the blueprints from foreign countries and bringing them into America. We Americans think we are able to build those parts to spec and we find that workers don't have the discipline or the patience or the skills in some emphasis to actually build those guns in this country properly. I guess we have to sit back and look at the next generation of small arms designers, and I end up questioning myself on where they're going to come from if they're unable to look at what the Russians, the South Africans, the Czechoslovakians, the Japanese and all these other countries are doing. If I'm unable to evaluate their technology, it is going to be very tough for me to come up with the latest "state of the art" next generation of firearms. I think that we lost a tremendous amount of assets when the 1986 ban and restrictions were implemented, and we will pay, WE WILL pay the penalty in the years to come. Not only in small arms, but in other technology, also. As a side note, I guess I agree with Dolf Goldsmith, a good friend of mine. He suggested that we trade in ten Pre-86 guns to be able to bring in and keep a Post-86 gun so that we would actually have a "modern Curio and Relics" to work from. With that approach, you're putting in a "give-back" to the people that want less machine guns in the hands of the public. Give them what they want. Give them ten Mac 10's for an NSV machine gun and/or PKM or something that is quite exciting, and put a price or a value on it that would prevent it from being considered to be a threat to society. If we have to work within the current restrictions, that may be our only hope. I don't know the answer, but I do know that what the government has done is to stifle further development and design for the United States and we will have to pay the penalty somewhere down the road.

MGN: On a constitutional level, there has been a lot of talk recently of rallies and organizing to try and get not so much the 1986 laws overturned, but to stop the steady erosion of our firearms rights. How do you see responsibility or obligation or desire to be involved in the political process?

Knight: Well, the bottom line, if we do not become responsible, and give good adult supervision, and if we do not do that ourselves, I feel like we're going to look bad to the average person. They really don't understand what we firearms enthusiasts try to do. The rally we had in Florida was well worthwhile. It sent a signal that was noticed by the politicians. I think that what we really need to do is to be more responsible. I'll be very honest with you. I think there's been a lot of things that have happened that does show a lack of responsibility on our (the Class 3 business) part.

MGN: The Florida Rally. How much of an effect did that have on legislation in Florida?

Knight: From the people I talked to in Florida, I think it was very significant. I think that it was very much played down by the press. It was as significant as the controversial abortion rallies that the

state of Florida had a few years back. This has been one of the most significant rallies that the state of Florida has seen. I do know, after that rally, the legislators in the state of Florida finally knew that it was time to pay attention to the people. One of the things I think was well organized about the rally is that there was no camouflage clothing, there were no guns, there was no violence. It was just a "we're here and we're serious about this thing and it's time to pay attention." I can't tell you the number of times I've been to the local skeet shoots and sporting clay shoots and I would talk to some of my friends there and ask them for support on the assault rifle ban. They had no interest in supporting us because they questioned why we needed an assault rifle. I absolutely loved it when they finally found out that their 12 gauge shotgun could be a destructive device after the reclassification of the recent interpretation of destructive devices. I think it is very possible, in the very near future, that any shotguns other than a side-by-side or an over-and-under is going to be a destructive device. I think that if it keeps going the way that it is, we could muster some more support. The Brady Bill turned some heads in that prior to becoming the law, there were probably a lot of people that did not have a lot of heartburn with the Brady Bill. "I'm a responsible gun dealer and an inconvenience is not something that I particularly like. But if my inconvenience can save 'one life' because of stopping the wrong person from having a firearm, then I guess I don't mind the inconvenience." Being a responsible individual, what I do not like, is the prohibition of a firearm just because they think there's a possibility that we're going to prevent that gun or a gun like it from getting into the hands of the bad guys. If we don't start taking and grabbing a hold of crime and make it where crime does not pay if we don't stop this wholesale walk-in jail and walk-out the next if we don't put teeth back into our laws and slow down the crime, then we're not going to have anything. We're going to be afraid in our own homes. I think we're rapidly approaching that situation now and the only way that I know to protect myself is to be well-trained and responsible with proper types of equipment, whatever type of equipment it might be, for me and my family. I know that there are not enough law enforcement or police officers to go around in this country to protect me if I need them.

MGN: It's a seemingly rational position, that it doesn't bother me to have a little bit of a waiting period if it prevents people who are psychotic or criminals from getting a firearm. That's pretty widely spread in the firearms community. But we all feel a little paranoid that it's just one more stepping stone towards completely taking away all the firearms or an attempt to completely take all freedom away. The rally in Florida seems to have had a large dampening effect on the anti-gun zealots there, and right now there are people gearing up all over the country to have state rallies.

You seem to keep coming back to responsibility on the part of the people involved in the industry. What about the shoots?

Knight: I certainly go to Knob Creek from time to time, but I hold my breath every time I go up there, hoping that someone is not hurt. Again, I think we need to have adult supervision. In the wholesale melt-the-barrels-down shooting, and the explosives abuse. I wonder if anyone has ever seen bullets actually come out of the of the machine gun barrels, then come back and go 90 degrees to the barrel. In some of the tests that I've seen of destruction of guns, I've seen guns melt down, I've seen breeches blow up, I've seen a lot of very dangerous things. With the close proximity that everyone has to each other, and the abuse that some of the people

put the guns through, I don't consider them to be responsible individuals. I have to say that I think that if somebody's going to do a melt down then that gun should be remotely fired and put far

do a melt down then that gun should be remotely fired and put far igh away that it can't hurt someone. The first time that one of mose gun's barrels melts out and a bullet comes out through the side of it, and it goes through a thirteen year old boy that was up there with his dad, we're going to see it in the media! 60 Minutes is going to have an expose and were all going to look like a bunch of buffoons because we allowed this to happen. One good thing about the increase in the cost of ammunition is that, as a side effect, you're going to see less interest for someone wanting to run a 500 round belt through a machine gun. It's going to cost him more to do that than it did in the past, so maybe this water will seek its own level. I think that we all want to see machine gun shooting; we all enjoy it, but we ought to do it on a more responsible basis. That's a very personal view. I'm fortunate in that there's not many guns I don't have access to. I could fire almost anything that I wanted to. I'm spoiled, in that I don't have that hungering desire to go once every six months and to absolutely live shooting for the weekend and release all the anxieties that I've built up. I guess the best words for what I think the Class 3 business needs would be exercising some real safety.

MGN: When you live with firearms everyday, it really doesn't become that important to go and shoot it out all at one time. The political scene seems to be bending more and more against firearms ownership. I would think you would have a particular interest in that with the SR-25 rifle coming on the market. You know, it IS a black rifle, its militaristic in appearance, the dreaded bayonet lug....

IGHT: It amazes me that we fall under the same criteria of

something that would be used in a drive-by shooting or a quote "weapon of choice of a criminal." I have a hard time believing that a twenty-five hundred dollar gun is the weapon of choice to anyone other than a match shooter or a very serious collector. I feel like people are prejudiced against its black finish and they think it's bad. All guns are bad right now and I think that there is a certain amount of responsibility that we all have to take. I guess that if looks are important, then that's the type of criteria that a lot of these anti-gun people are using. It amazes me that they're not looking at the statistics of the weapons or the guns that are causing the problems and trying to curtail or trying to control where these guns go. You have some guns that aren't even on the proposed ban list that have a thousand times more possibility of being used than the SR-25 could ever think about being used in a crime. Yet, the SR-25 by definition could be on the list while other guns that are much more prolific out there, that are used on a daily basis, aren't on the ban

MGN: Well those guns don't look scary enough to someone who doesn't understand firearms. The militaristic ones look scary.

We've looked at some intriguing pieces in your collection. As a collector, what types of things are you looking for?

Knight: I guess my mood changes from time to time and I kind of look at different things. I'm very interested in items that have just not been obtainable until recently. The Com Bloc weapons and the guns of Com Bloc design are of special interest to me right now. Anything that I find that has a unique mechanical system are things that I like and things that I would like to have one of for my reference library because I enjoy the mechanisms. I enjoy how guns work, what makes them work, how they'll wear and last and

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MGN: You have a specific interest in the Armalite AR-10, Colt, the whole development series, parts, accessories, and memorabilia from around that time.

Knight: Well, because of my close relationship and great admiration for Gene Stoner, who was the chief engineer at Armalite, I've been able to do that. I've been very fortunate that I've been able to collect and acquire most of the Armalite variations and versions and I'm certainly looking for anything that has any significance at all to do with Armalite, Fairchild, Cadillac Gage, Ares, any of those early companies, and Colt. Colt was a big piece of history because they were so significantly involved in the M16 program.

MGN: We've covered a lot of subjects here. On a personal level, you've got interests in citrus farming....

Knight: I'm a fourth generation citrus farmer. I am still heavily involved in the growing and processing, but now it just about kills my citrus prices and groves because of the NAFTA situation. Probably the most interesting thing that I find is that the current administration has all but shut down all my defense contracts. I did a defense conversion so that we got away from where we were only manufacturing defense products. We had to get a product that we could manufacture here in our plant. We started with the SR-25 and of course now it looks like Clinton's trying to take that away from us. I'm quite frustrated. It looks like everything I see that appears to be a way to survive, the current administration is one

step ahead of me, or one step behind me trying to close me down!

MGN: You're not alone in that feeling; I've talked to people all over the country. In every business they're in they feel similarly. Are you a member of the Florida Citrus Growers Association?

Knight: Yes.

MGN: I've heard a lot of controversy about having Rush Limbaugh do your advertising. Is this something that troubles you deeply?

Knight: Not at all. I am NOT "politically correct."

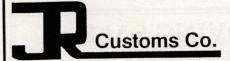
I watch Rush on occasion and I find some interesting comments that he makes. In many cases he's right on target. It is kind of like who's ox is getting gored, though. He's right on target with a lot of his observations.

MGN: Reed, thanks again for taking the time to talk with MGN's readers. I hope we can have the opportunity to talk with you on other aspects of Class 3 again, maybe some more historical and developmental anecdotes....

Knight: My pleasure. I enjoy reading MGN, and keeping the information flowing in the industry is important to me.

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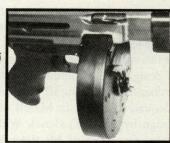
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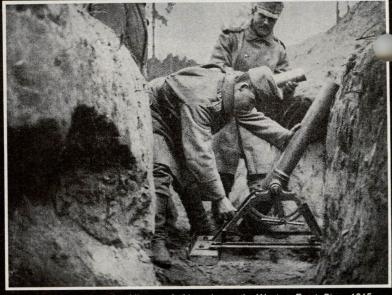


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Imperial German photo of a "Minenwerfer" in action on the Western Front, Circa. 1915.

Infantry Mortars

The time was October, 1914. The First World War was barely two months old when the British Army first faced a new and devastatingly effective German weapon: the "Minenwerfer," a miniature howitzer that could hurl a grenade-size bomb up to six hundred yards. This trench mortar, as it came to be known, alarmed the British so much that they immediately produced and issued direct copies to their troops for use until a suitable British version could be developed. Dozens of designs were submitted to the British Ordnance Board, but all were deemed inadequate. Finally, in March of 1915, a design by a Mr. Frederick Wilfrid Scott Stokes was accepted. Mr. (later Sir) Stokes was director of an agricultural machinery firm called Ransom and Rapier. His design, with only minor changes, has prospered to the present day.

Stokes applied for U.S. patents on his mortar on May 13, 1916, and patented ammunition for it in June of 1918. His design consisted of a three-inch diameter smoothbore steel tube roughly four feet long, with the base of the tube attached to a steel baseplate and a bipod supporting the upper portion of the tube. This weapon was a vast improvement over all previous trench mor-

tars and howitzers, and by the 1930's had replaced all other types.

A few months after the United States' entry into the war, General Pershing urgently requested that the U.S. Army also adopt the English design. By war's end, over 1,300 Stokes mortars of both 3-inch standard and 4-inch chemical versions had been issued, with a substantial number of these still in service at the beginning of World War II. But during its service in World War I several shortcomings became apparent, the most critical being the lack of range and accuracy. This was caused by the Stokes' cylindrical canister-like shell which tumbled end-over-end in flight.

In December of 1918, the U.S. Army Ordnance Department convened the so-called "Caliber Board," chaired by Brig. Gen. William I. Westervelt, to make a sweeping study of artillery usage in the Army. After careful consideration of Allied experiences in the war, the board recommended that an "infantry accompanying gun" of about 75mm be developed to replace the Stokes mortar. It further recommended that the shell be stabilized either by rifling the bore or by use of a finned shell. It was also desired that the new weapon be capable of anti-tank use at low elevation

settings. Numerous individuals and as cies set about developing designs to furthese specifications, but the anti-tank capability proved too difficult and the Ordnance Deptment soon settled upon using two weapons: a mortar and a separate anti-tank gun.

One person who worked on the mortar problem was Mr. Edgar William Brandt of Paris, France. Brandt decided to keep the basic Stokes design intact, and instead concentrate on improving the shell. Brandt eventually developed a streamlined, teardrop shell with stabilizing tail-fins. This sacrificed some shell payload capacity but greatly enhanced accuracy and range, from 750 yards to nearly 3,300 yards. An additional advantage was the ability to use a simple impact fuse, instead of the complicated and expensive "all-ways" fuse made necessary by the tumbling Stokes shell. Brandt made only minor changes to the basic design of the mortar itself, mainly making it easier to break down into packable components. After nine years of work, Brandt felt confident enough to submit to the Army the 81mm Stokes-Brandt Mc Model 1927.

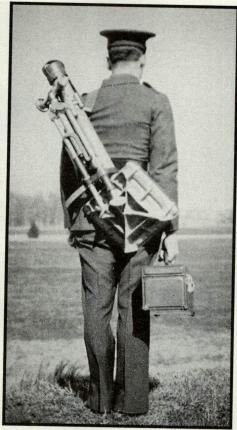
Brandt's improvements also involved using a new type of collimator sight of



The prototype Brandt Model 1931 (T4).

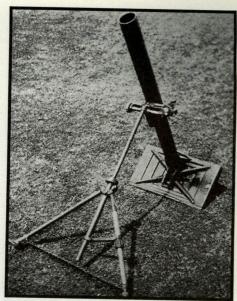
French design to set elevation and azimuth. With the original Stokes weapon, there was no sight; azimuth was set simply by sighting along a white line painted down the tube on its top side. Elevation was set by leveling a bubble in an adjustable clinometer that was set to the desired reading and then placed on top of the mortar tube, adjusting the tube until level. Also included were a baseplate that did not require being entrenched to make it stable, thereby reducing set-up time from half an bour to about five minutes. A recoil spring orporated into the bipod lessened the chance of the mortar being jarred from its aim by the shock of firing. The bipod could also be cross-leveled on uneven ground.

The Army decided that the Stokes-Brandt weapon needed further refinement, so Brandt went back to work and in four years submitted the 81mm Stokes-Brandt



Soldier demonstrating method of carrying the 60mm M2 Mortar.

Mortar, Model 1931. This model differed from the 1927 model in the improved American-produced collimator sight and a further improved bipod and baseplate. Four of the 1931 Brandt models were purchased by the Army for testing at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and after performing satisfactorily the mortar was officially adopted by the U.S. Cavalry and Infantry



The prototype Brandt Model 1927.



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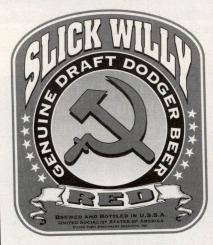
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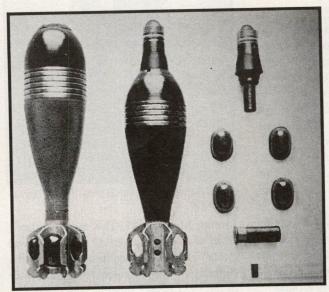
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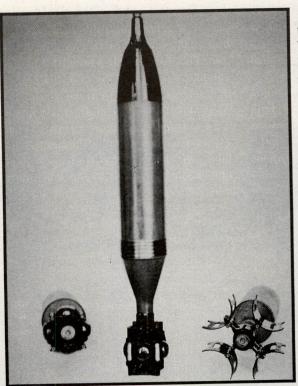
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Prototype ammunition for Model 1927. Note "zone charges," used for setting pattern dispersion.





Above photos are original issue ammunition for the 81mm M1 and 60mm M2.

that year as the Model T4. Later, in 1938, the Army adopted a 60mm Brandt mortar to answer a need for a smaller version of the T4 for certain missions. Later improvements included a sight which could be interchanged between the two models, and redesigned ammunition for more consistent performance. The 81mm mortar was redesigned as the M1, and the 60mm the M2, both v similarly designated mou. (baseplates).

The Edgar Brandt Company of Paris licensed the U.S. government to manufacture its mortars, and the first

trial quantities were produced at Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, NY. Mass production of the 60mm model was begun by the Read Machinery Co. of York, PA and of the 81mm by the A.B. Farquhar Co., Limited, also located in York. Early manufacturing difficulties arose in machining the highstrength steels specified in many of the components, especially the threads used in the adjusting mechanisms. These were overcome after a request by Maj. Gen. C. M. Wesson, the Chief of Ordnance, to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers resulted in a special A.S.M.E. committee being set up to with the problems.

Over the years few significant changes were made to the original Stokes-Brandt concept. A special version was, however, developed

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by the U.S. Army's Chemical Warfare Service, cially suited to im the unique requirements of using chemical agents. This weapon, the 4.2inch chemical mortar, has a fascinating design history of its own and deserves its own article.

Many accessories for the Brandts were developed and issued. Among them are new and improved sights, lighting systems for the sights, various aiming posts, boresights, compasses, aiming circles,



Infantrymen firing the Brandt 60mm Mortar.

special tools for cleaning and other mainance, various sub-caliber conversion units, special gunnery training devices and so on. But the basic weapon has remained essentially unchanged for almost 80 years, a fact that speaks volumes for the soundness of the design.

The Stokes-Brandt mortar has now been adopted by most if not all of the world's modern armies, and its development early in this century arguably changed the history of warfare almost as much as did the development of the machine gun. If you are lucky enough to own one of the these fabulous weapons, rest assured that you have a piece of history on par with the designs of John Browning and Hiram Maxim.



The 60mm M2 Stokes-Brandt Mortar, with accessories.

STRIKER STREETSWEEPER USAS-12 OWNERS

7e have been negotiating with the NFA Branch for some kind of reasonable solution to the "Instant DD" that was implemented on March 1. As you must be aware, ATF has ruled these shotguns to be "nonsporting," and they have bores of over 1/2", so the Striker-12, the USAS-12 and the Street-Sweeper are now all Destructive Devices subject to registration under the NFA, Title II. ATF is doing a "forward trace" from the manufacturers, to find all 18,000 owners, and make them register these guns. LMO has gotten permission to take these firearms into our inventory and register them as DD's, then sell them with their new status. We will accept these firearms on a consignment basis; you receive payment when the gun is sold. If you know that the Chief Law Enforcement person in your area won't sign, or if you just don't care to be involved with registration, call LMO. You only have a short time to decide-this offer is good until 30 days from when you are notified by ATF, ATF's deadline for this transfer. This is the best we were able to do.

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Tinkering with Thompsons

by JIM KLODZINSKI of GUNMACHINES 21/28 Stock Wobble & 28 Pilot Tool

Over the years I have received a number of calls from TSMG shooters who want to correct a loose fitting 1921 or 1928 buttstock.

The 21 or 28 buttstock attaches to flanges on both sides of the rear bottom of the trigger housing by the slide assembly that is inlet into the front top of the buttstock. The top sides of the slide have recesses that dovetail with the flanges on the trigger housing. When the buttstock is all the way forward, a "catch" in the slide assembly moves upwards and "locks" into a recess at the bottom rear of the trigger housing. To remove the buttstock, a button at the rear of the slide assembly is pushed down releasing the "catch" and the buttstock is then pulled rearward.

This method of attachment has, over the years, proved to be convenient and durable. However, due to wear, substitution of buttstocks or slides and machining tolerances, the fit of the slide assembly to the trigger housing, depending on the particular TSMG, would become loose—either from side to side or back and forth or both. Sometimes the play in the fit would be to the degree that a wobble would develop during shooting and affect shot placement. Also, some West Hurley AO 1928 Thompsons came with a slide made from aluminum. With use, it would peen at the rear and contribute to a loose fit.

Some TSMG shooters have asked me about correcting this problem by replacing slides, trigger housings or both, until a tight secure fit occurs. This, of course, could be done, but it is a time consuming and costly way. Also, surplus machined slides in acceptable condition are becoming rather hard to get. Others have asked about the feasibility of adding metal by welding to

areas of the slide or trigger housing or both to tighten the "fit." This also could be done but needs to be done precisely and could also be an expensive method.

I had the same problem some years ago, and I have to admit, even though the loose fit I had did not affect shooting my 1928 TSMG, I found the situation annoying. As a temporary measure, I took a small amount of felt from a felt cleaning patch and pushed it into the recess at the rear of the slide. This recess is located about 1/4 of an inch to rear of the "catch" and about 1/8 of an below the top rear plane of the slide. With the stock removed, look straight into the slide from the front of the stock and you will see the recess just behind the catch. The felt in this recess acted as an expedient spacer. I then liberally oiled the felt material and then forced the buttstock onto the TSMG until it fit securely.

I had to experiment with different amounts of felt material until I had it "right" so that the buttstock would attach securely locking to the trigger housing without movement. It only takes a very small amount of felt material wadded in the recess. Once the necessary amount of felt material is jammed into the recess, it is not visible to the eye. It worked like a charm. The fit obtained with this method had absolutely no play. Also the felt can be "dyed" with gun blue and rendered virtually invisible. This expedient method may sound "tacky" to purists but it works and solves the problem. My "temporary" solution has been in place for over ten years. When I get calls about this problem this is wl recommend. The callers try it and are pleased with the result.

I also get calls from 1928 TSMG shooters regarding the installation of the

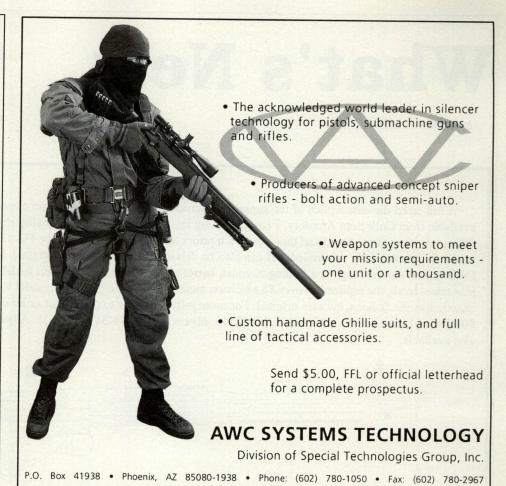
standard stock 1928 pilot (recoil spring guide). They have difficulty installing it with the recoil spring. A standard stock 28

t ought to have a hole through the trameter of the main shaft located about 1/4" to 1/2" from the front tip of the pilot (the end that goes into the actuator). The purpose of this hole is to facilitate the installation of the pilot and recoil spring. The recoil spring is first compressed by hand as much as possible onto the main shaft of the pilot. Then a thin punch is inserted into the hole to keep the compressed portion of the recoil spring on the shaft. Next, with the bolt all the way forward in the receiver, the uncompressed remaining part of the recoil spring is inserted into the actuator. The rear of the pilot should then easily go into the rear of the receiver. After the pilot with recoil spring is installed, the thin punch is carefully removed releasing the compressed portion of the recoil spring.

Whenever, in the past, I used a stock 28 pilot, I generally reached for whatever was available to place in the hole to hold the compressed portion of the recoil spring: a nail, a punch, one end of needle nosed pliers, a tip of a ball-point pen, etc., or when out shooting, the awl blade of my Swiss ny Knife.

I had read somewhere that a tool originally existed for this purpose which resembled a thin shaft about 4 inches long with the shaft bent to a loop on one end as a handle. The tool resembled a small cleaning rod that sometimes comes with small caliber handguns of foreign manufacture. Not having one of these at the time, I rummaged around and discovered that the "key" that comes with sardine cans makes an effective tool for this purpose. I cut the main shaft just behind the inlet that attaches to the sardine can lip, rounded the cut end and blued the "key." It is of the right length and thickness and does the job perfectly. In fact, one knowledgeable TSMG owner thought it was an original tool. And, since I made it myself, it always seemed to be there when I needed it. For those of you who still use a stock pilot in your 1928 TSMG, I recommend this simple device.

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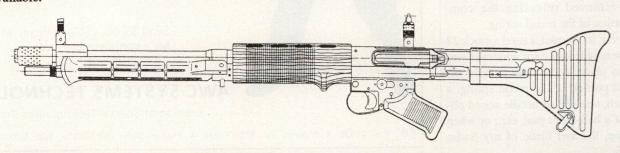
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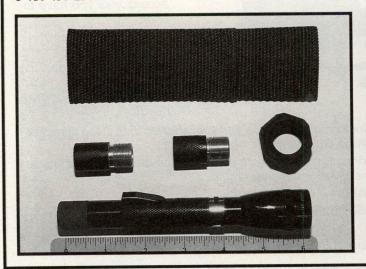
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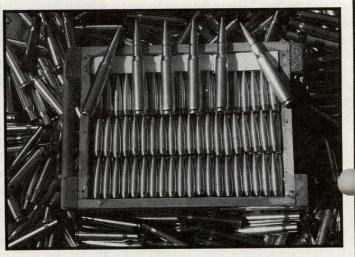
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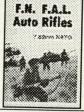
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The Forms

by DAN SHEA

y, what an eventful month we've been having. It's been one long, excruciatingly painful Maalox moment. I don't think I've seen one fair shake given to the Second Amendment and America's gun owners by any of the Media. To hear them tell it, we Neanderthals are dead and buried with all of our foolish archaic ideas about personal liberty and responsibility.

Wrong.

Don't lose heart, friends. The Constitution still stands, as does the system of checks and balances therein. Pendulums swing both ways, thank God. There is a lot of information that Big Media isn't giving you, or if it is, it's got BS filters on it. The spin doctors are out there working. Allow MGN to try to clarify some recent happenings.

First, a ban on "assault rifles" and high capacity magazines is not law, and it hasn't even been proposed. What has passed the House and Senate is a ban on further manufacture or importation for private ownership on the above targeted items. It is neither a ban on ownership or sale, does not include any system of registration, and it has nothing to do with automatic firearms. Not that the proposed legislation isn't bad, it's just not what people think it is. Big Media is not telling you that the "ban" still has to go back to the committees in both houses, get reconciled with each version of the "Crime" bill, then go back to the floor for a vote in each House, before Slick Willie gets to sign it into law. There is a lot of controversial stuff in that "Crime" bill. We are probably talking about the end of July. That means that you have time to burn up the phone and fax lines to your Representatives. If they don't do what you want, try starting an impeachment movement in your area. Even if it doesn't go too far, it will stick in the minds of the voters in November! Representative Dick Swett (D-NH) is "Swetting" bullets right now—aside from his foolish claim of "death threats," he is seriously worried about the pit bulls of GO-NH, Scott and Sheila and friends. They are dogging his every move-press conference, town meeting, you name it and they are there reminding him that he lied to his constituents and they are on him, and won't back off. Get active in your area, and don't forget the State capitol rallies on July 2. Some states are not organized, so go to a neighboring state if yours doesn't have one. We have been faxing and mailing to every gun dealer, customer, American Legion, VFW, fraternal group, police group, gun organization, anyone we think will want to show up. Maine is going to be a major event on July 2. How is your state?

Not so bad item #2: The judge in Montana, who ruled the background check in the Brady Law to be an infringement of state's rights enumerated in the 10th Amendment, has broken some interesting ground. He is relying on "NY vs The United States" (1992), which says that under the 10th Amendment the Federal government cannot require state or local governments to implement any rule or regulation. The background check fell in that District. Well, a Texas Federal Court judge just ruled Brady to be Constitutional. That means that the Supreme Court MUST hear it. Let's get in there and get it on! If the Federal government can't force locals to do a background check (you smart guys are already onto this), how can they require a law enforcement certification on a Form 1,4 or 5? How can the renewal of an FFL require the LE signature? Verrrry Interesting. In a lot of ways we need Sarah Brady and the rest of her Socialist Zealots. They do not make good constitutional laws. They make poorly thought out, idealistic, easily challenged laws. Their logic is so bad and offensive to the rationale of the Constitution that even Judiciary members who support gun control can't fathom it and throw it out. When we get it on in court, our chances of winning increase when the enemies' logic is flawed. The Class 3 world's personal pit bull, Doug Oefinger, is going after the LEC in the State of Connecticut. If any of you want to get involved or send donations, contact Doug at: 203-924-2952.

Another interesting development is happening in Florida. I have spoken with three different Class 3's who are looking for anyone who has suffered because of the

Brady Law: Anyone who was waiting for a firearm that was injured or lost a loved one to a criminal, and could have prevented it if their Constitutional Right to get their firearm hadn't been tampered with. They want to help you sue Sarah Brady, and her buddies, personally.

I have had a question in to ATF recently regarding importing semi-automatic assault rifles (the ones on the "ban") as dealer samples. No way! I was told that the Bush and Clinton import restrictions do not make provisions for sales samples. I wonder if the Manufacturing Ban the Communists in Congress are about to try to sleaze up to the head Chicken will allow us manufacturers to make samples for our dealers and reps. You guys in the business know how hard it is to sell items out of a picture book, especially to the procurement personnel in military and police units. Will sanity prevail? Start calling your congresspe again.

I love the way that rare, high-priced, precision-made military firearms are being "banned" to keep small, cheap, unreliable handguns and sawed off single barrel shotguns out of the hands of "children," the definition of whom has changed from innocent pre-teens to include drug dealing twenty year olds. Power of the Press.

A quick take on the MFN and China. In order to punish the Chinese military for human rights violations, Slick Willie has imposed a ban on Americans importing any military items. This is what he wanted anyway, he and the rest of the Anti-Second Amendment Rights fanatics. Will someone PLEASE get the impeachment proceedings off the ground? Now, in order to bring the Communist Chinese military machine to its knees, American civilians can no longer buy any of the inexpensive SKS rifles and ammunition that they have grown to love. I am sure, that, once the Chinese satisfy the requirements of our social designers, Slick will open the doors to these items a Right. That sage philosopher in Wayne's World said it, "Yeah, and monkeys might fly out of my butt." Perhaps the American firearms and ammunition manufacturers who have been allying themselves in an unholy tryst with the anti-gunners, in order to get rid of this inexpensive competition, will feel better when the public state of 1 they are facilitating rolls right over their products.

We may not have lost our rights yet, but we're coming too close for comfort.

There is an article elsewhere in MGN that describes an internal memo from ATF that orders covert surveys to be done at gun shows. As offensive as this document is to one's sense of Freedom in America, it is important to remember that the ATF is calling for agents to look for violations of the law! Many gun show dealers break the law every weekend, and don't think much of it because of recent lax enforcement. Better study up, guys. Gun shows are definitely on the "hit" list, and every jerk who is selling illegally is reflecting on the rest of us. If you see someone breaking the law unknowingly, take him aside and fill him in. If he gets an attitude problem about it, tough. He is then the source of our problems. Treat accordingly.

Then there is the case of the ATF agent slipping up and admitting that ATF is taking the records of out-of-business FFL holders and computerizing them. Two points. First, stitution aside, what really forbids them from creating a registry of firearms is the language of the 1986 McClure-Volkmer Firearms Owners Protection Act. Before 1986 was nebulous, at best, and if the project was started before then, arguments will be made that the project pre-dates the law. Second, there is a serious question about whether an FFL going out of business needs to turn in his records, or has a responsibility to keep them. Check with a lawyer before holding records back. It is an interesting position to take, however, I'm not about to test it! I also know from many ATF agents that I've talked to that they consider the existing out-of-business records to be a coffee stained, inaccurate mess written on every kind of notebook paper there is, totally incapable of giving any type of coherent information. To me, that inaccuracy is the scariest part. "Vere Iz der veapon, herr Shea?" I sold it ten years ago to just check his records." " Ze records that turned in don't show anything coming from you. Confess, CONFESS! Ve have vays of

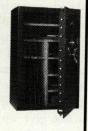
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had M16 internal parts in an AR-15 (no sear or sear hole drilled) and was tried for having an untaxed NFA firearm. Thomas said that it was necessary for the government to prove that the individual KNOW that he was creating a firearm requiring registration (taxation). Staples was acquitted. There go a whole bunch of wrongful prosecutions, and the minefield we walk through just became a little safer.

Speaking of getting a little safer, Louis Katona just won his case in Ohio. ATF had threatened him, roughed up his wife allegedly causing a miscarriage, trashed his Class 3 collection, and accused him of forging the law enforcement signatures on 32 Form 4's to himself. After the ATF handwriting specialist testified that there was no forgery, the chief of police HAD signed the forms and the chief was lying, the judge threw the case out. Go get 'em Louis. ATF agents who prosecute criminal behavior and protect the Constitution deserve our support and respect. They will always get my unmitigated support. Those who abuse their authority, take personal vendettas against private citizens, harass them and perjure themselves in the process deserve to be prosecuted themselves, punished according to the law, and driven from any association with law enforcement. I have been accused of not liking ATF agents. That is 100% false. I know many, many outstanding people in ATF. It is the out-ofcontrol power trippers that I speak out against. The Katona case was brought to you by the same office that brought you the Johnny Lawmaster case, the Fleming case, the Staples case, and many others.

Q Last month you mentioned that "The burden of proof is on the government" in your answer to S.R.B. What are you talking about?

A.S.

A In regard to NFA firearms record keeping, as a dealer, you are not required to keep anything other than a Bound Acquisitions and Dispositions book. Individuals are not required to keep ANY records. It is not your responsibility to prove that you have possession of a firearm. The NFA is a tax collecting statute. If anyone wants to question your ownership, the burden is on them to prove that your firearm is not taxed and listed in the National Firearms Registry. I can't say it any clearer than that. On the other hand, out of self defense, you should have ironclad records of every transaction, with photocopies of every piece of correspondence regarding transfers of

ownership. If your firearm is not listed in the Registry, and you have copies of approved transfers, it can save a lot of headaches and legal expenses. It will also make life easier for the Compliance agents of ATF who need to make sure that everything that they inspect is "Kosher." If their print-out is "off" when they do a compliance check, and you can prove whether you should have a firearm or not with a paper trail, it will speed up the inspection. Do not give up those records without having copies for yourself, and getting receipts stating why they were taken. Get competent legal advice if you are not allowed copies. Before you surrender anything. There is an allegation going around right now that all compliance inspections are in fact, criminal investigations, a recent innovation, and you are at peril when you release any records or make any comments. MGN will keep you apprised of that situation, rest assured.

Q I want to build non-firing replicas of the Browning 1919-A4 and the M-2 H. B.

What are the BATF's rules concerning replicas? What internal parts are allowed? How complete can the right side plate be? Can it be made of steel?

James L.

A This is a tough one. The applicable phrase is "readily restorable to a machine gun." In the "United States vs Seven Miscellaneous Firearms" case, the NRA museum was accused of having items that were readily restorable. This led to a search for a definition of "readily restorable." In a simplification of the decision for the purposes of answering your question, the judge decided that "readily restorable" meant that the item could be converted to a machine gun in 20 minutes or less, using common household tools. Before you go build anything, contact ATF Technology Branch, in writing. You will avoid the problems inherent with "assuming" things. Your solid-steel sideplate would be a violation. The fake receiver would have to be semisolid and not accept any internal parts. This can be a real minefield. Too many times I have seen things that I would consider to be a pile of parts, written up as "readily restorable." Get it in writing first. This whole definition opens a can of worms. Think how many firearms there are out there that a Reasonably Knowledgeable Individual with a few tools could turn into a buzzgun. The criteria is not that it be a safe, long lasting, reliable machine gun, but that it fire more than one round with a single motion

of the trigger. 45 caliber 1911-A1, anyone? Glock buzzguns?

Q Could you please answer a couple of questions for me? First of all, I am a FFL and have been since 1980.

I am referring to a letter that you answered in the April issue of MGN. Where does it state that it is against the law for a FFL to speak his mind?

When I purchase firearms from another FFL, I keep a copy of their FFL until it expires and then dispose of it. Should I be keeping them as a permanent record? As far as personal firearms records go, I fill out a 4473 on any firearms that I transfer to myself and also record it in my permanent A & D records. I have never sold any of these firearms. Should I still be keeping a separate Personal Firearms Record Book? I am referring to information derived from Federal Firearms Licensee Information booklet ATF P 5300.15 (1/89), Disposition of a Personally Owned Firearm.

Rudy H.

P.S. And I always thought that I was an RKI!

A You have a pretty good handle on things, Rudy. There isn't any law against speaking your mind, but there are times that "discretion is the best part of valor." There laws against sedition and preaching armed insurrection. It's one thing to call the President a chicken-hearted sleazebag in a green leisure suit whose prime habitat is more suited to Holiday Inn lounges chasing divorcees, than being President of the most powerful country on earth, quite another to advocate violence against him. I was warning all of the readers whose spirits are running to revolution that MGN won't print their letters, and that they should concentrate on the ballot box, not the ammo box. There are procedures for changing the hierarchy. Your questions:

Keep those old FFLs unless you have received a new, updated one from the company. It is your protection and proof in the sad case where someone was faking an FFL. Your records will prove that you held up your end and made sure that the transaction was lawful to you. Those records are your safety net.

As an FFL holder, you must keep a Personal Firearms Acquisitions and Dispositions Bound Book. This will include firearms that you have obtained since you got your FFL, and may include firearms obtained previously. I strongly suggest that if you are going to have firearms on your premises that will not be in either the FFL

bound book or a personal bound book, that you have them tagged as "personal-not for sale," and be able to prove they pre-date FFL.

Q Is the Franchi SPAS-12 one of the shotguns now reclassified as a destructive device?

R.S.

A Not yet. The Striker, Streetsweeper, and USAS-12 had all lost appeals in court regarding import status to be "sporting use." That is why they were singled out. It was a given that they were already judged "non-sporting," and the transition to Destructive Device was hard to challenge. When the anti-Second Amendment Rights crowd gets ready to take on some of the other police and military-style shotguns, they won't be on as firm a ground as this situation. I am sure that it is coming, though.

Q Just thought I'd write a quick note to inform the readers of the current situation regarding interstate transport forms for NFA items. I just refiled for Knob Creek but didn't put a year on the form (ATF form 5320.20). It was returned as approved, but a handwritten note at the bottom said it was

'v good for a year. I had read the interwith Wayne Miller and he seemed to make it sound like I could get away with more than a year (to help them reduce paperwork). Anyway—this means, ones' interstate form is good only for a maximum of one year, and it must then be refiled.

Secondly, I would like to get into contact with "Sam L." who wrote a piece in the May '94 issue about getting signatures on Form 5's in Fairfax County, VA. I am also a resident there and would like to get together with him. Sam, please get into contact with me at (703) 442-0541. We have some mutual issues to discuss.

Steve

A5 Wayne Miller went out of his way to make that 5320 situation as smooth as possible for NFA firearms owners, as well as for the examiners. One year is a standard time period for the government to approve a form. I'd say you are going to have to re-file every year.

Q Keep up the good work. Are 30, 40, 75, 100 md mags legal on MAK 90's?

Could you explain questions 8d and 8e he 4473. If I smoked a doobie in college, do I have to answer yes?

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magazine of more than five rounds. The import ban on AK's that was complied with by the importers by adding the thumbhole stock and removing the dreaded bayonet lug, flash hider and threaded barrel, included a five round magazine. A case could be made that you are in violation if you sell an MAK-90 with a higher capacity magazine. On the other hand, I don't believe that anyone would dare to try to prosecute a citizen who had a 30 rounder in an MAK-90. They'd get laughed out of court. Those 4473 questions are quagmires of legalese. First, remember that the Transferee Certification is supposed to be filled out by the purchaser, that is physically filled out. The dealer can't do it. The transferee is to be told to answer these questions honestly. Let's take a closer look at what they actually say.

8-d. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana, or a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug?

This is present tense. I had someone ask me if he could sign it "No" even though he smoked pot, but wasn't an addict. The question does not just address addiction, it speaks of unlawful use. Unless he lived in a state where marijuana use is legal, if there is one, or has a medical permit (glaucoma, cancer treatment, etc.), any use is unlawful. If you are a current pot smoker, an FFL dealer is prohibited from selling you a firearm. Past use or addiction is not addressed here, although the legal definition of an addict may not end with the state of active abuse. I mean, if you were a heroin addict in 1969, and had been clean since then, most people would not call you addicted today, but a clinic might. Not for marijuana, though. "Addicted" doesn't usually apply legally, but "current user" does. The transferee should be advised that if he is a current user of marijuana, he must answer yes. If he can't figure out whether he is or not, he probably is. At least, I figure if he can't handle that simple piece of identity logic, then he probably has two boxes of donuts in the car and has been munching on the beef jerky from your counter display all through the discussion, saying "Wow" a lot and laughs at himself being in a gun shop. "Wow, man, I can't believe I'm in here, man, is, like, John Wayne here?" Dealers, introduce Mr. Bonehead to the

Past tense: having smoked pot in the distant past does not require a "yes" answer. If ATF says it does, then demand the arrest of President Bill Clinton, an admitted expot smoker (not inhaler, but smoker nonetheless), who had possession of a

dreaded assault shotgun when he was fending off the dreaded assault ducks. At least, arrest the criminal that let him have the gun.

8e. Have you ever been adjudic mentally defective or have you ever committed to a mental institution?

This is a "have you ever?" question, not an "are you now?" Big difference, but, once again, you have to define the words. Adjudicated means to legally be judged. If your wife, parents, or friends think you are nuts, it is not the same as when the court declares you to be "mentally defective." If a counselor tells you that you are manicdepressive, that is not being adjudicated. (If your depressive cycle includes uncontrollable fantasies of shooting people, please don't buy the guns.) Legally a "yes" answer is only required if you were "adjudicated," or, legally committed to a mental institution. Committed means put there by authorities, not of your own free will-as I understand it. If you had turned yourself in for some help with a mental problem, it would make sense to check with a lawyer for these definitions before signing the 4473. Lying on that 4473 is a felony. Keep it straight, people.

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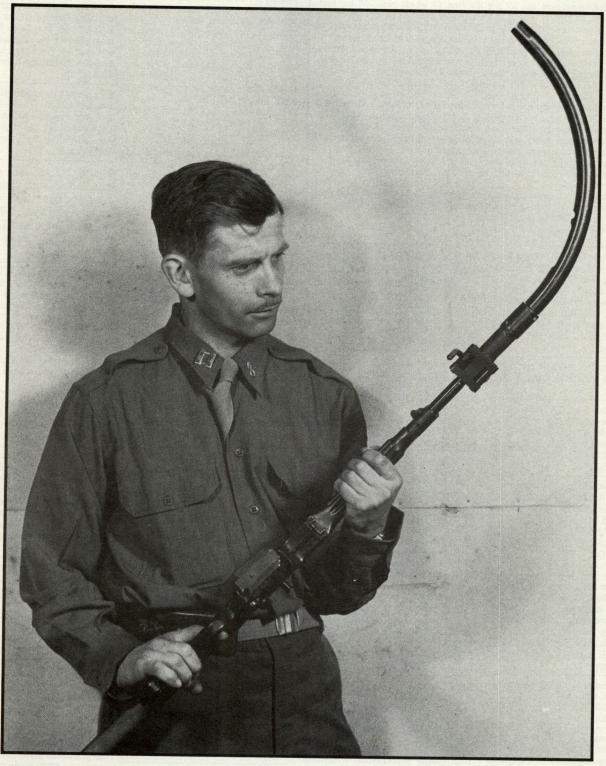
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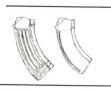
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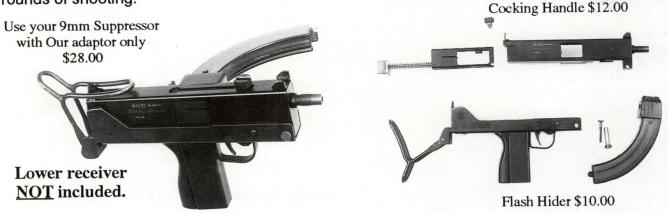
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