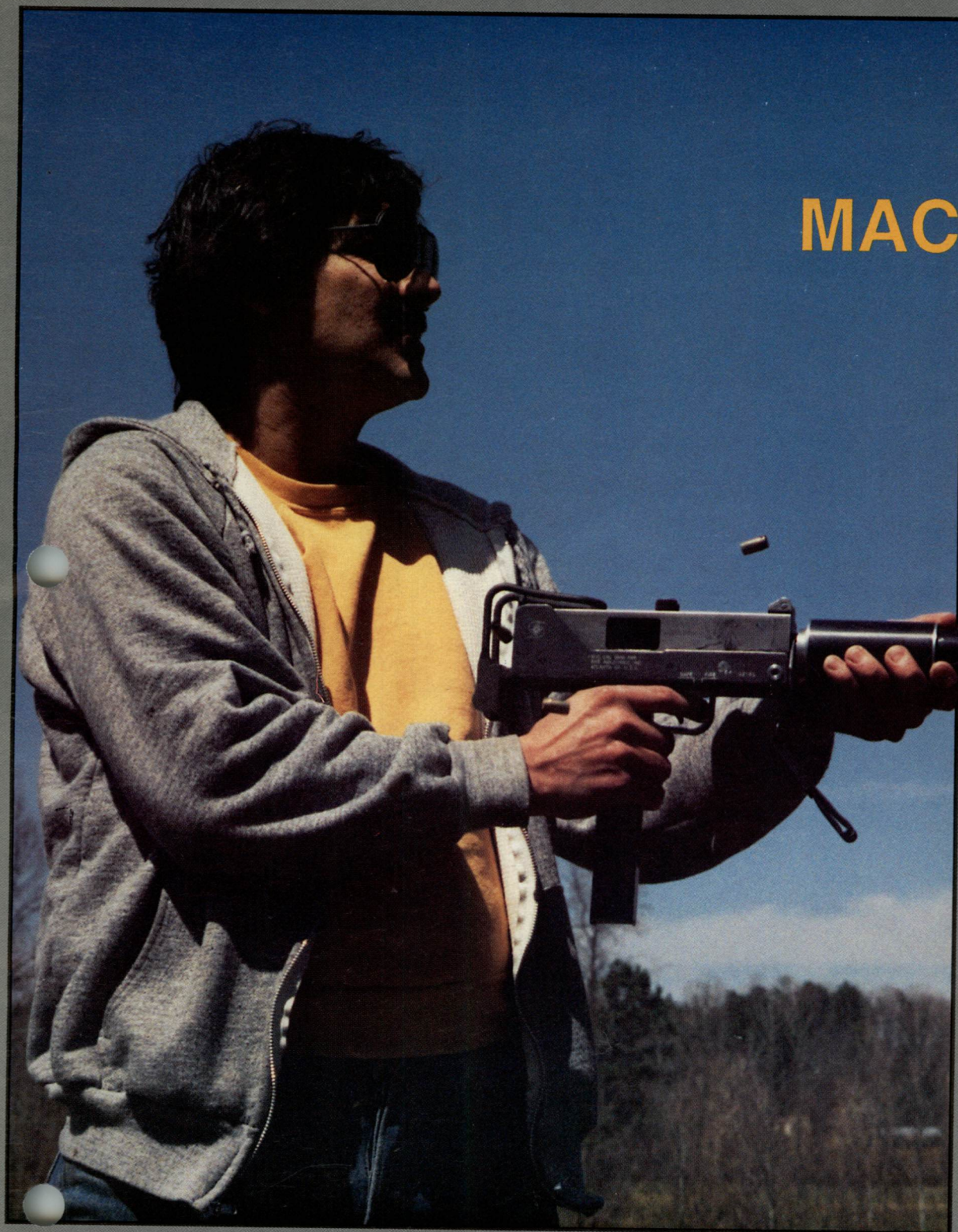


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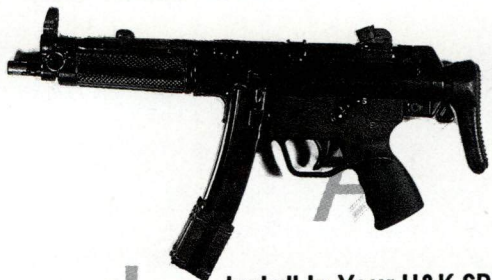
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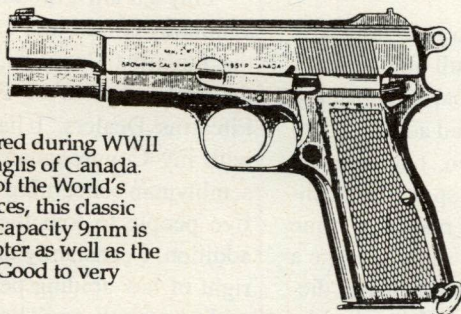
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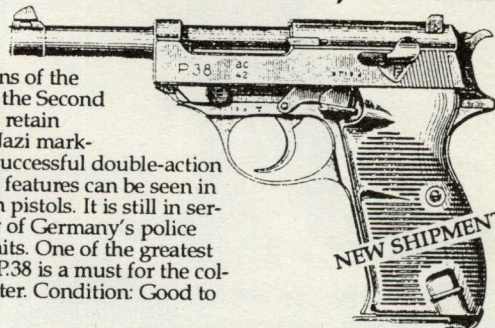
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VOICE OF A STUDENT

I go to school in an environment that is increasingly hostile toward our hobby. Many of the students view me as a radical because of my outspoken defense of the rights of gun owners. Many times I have had to correct other students spreading misinformation about fully-automatic firearms. I have continually corrected accounts of "illegal" weapons such as Uzis, MACs, and M16s. Even today I cleared up a matter of firearms appearance in English class. Some of my classmates seemed to think that a Tec-9 semi-automatic pistol looked like an Uzi, and others thought it looked like a MAC.

I am old enough to begin to realize what is happening to our Constitution. It is being shot down by Liberals and their accomplices: the press. So much anti-gun propaganda is being pumped into the minds

of my fellow students that there is hardly any room for knowledge. With so many firearms on the ban list for adoption into one of Slick Willie's "crime-control" bills, I am beginning to wonder if I will ever get the chance to be able to legally own a gun myself. I am 14 years old, and I see 7 years of anti-gun bills being introduced to the almost certain adoption by Congress. I sincerely hope that these bills will be stopped before they are passed so that our rights under the Constitution can be preserved.

Within the gunowners' clique, there is a special niche for full-auto enthusiasts and owners. We are viewed by our own side to be deviants. Many who would not support a ban on semi-autos would try to ban full-autos because they think it would just get rid of the troublemakers and those with ideas of criminal mischief. That brings me to another point. Almost all of the kids in

my school, except for those that I have corrected, have thought that fully-automatic weapons are illegal. With my classmates and I being the leaders of the next generation, I can see the prospects will not be promising. If future leaders already think that fully-automatic weapons are illegal, and then find out when they are in Congress that they are not, they will make it so. Those few guns lucky enough to escape today's purge of gun-owning social deviants might not escape tomorrow's.

Whenever I go to a gun show and especially a full-auto shoot, I notice that the participants are mainly middle-aged adults. There are a few children, but with the followers of our sport diminishing, it is only a matter of time before we will be squashed like a bug under the heel of liberal dictatorship. I can only hope that the children of the readers of your magazine can grow up to be supporters of their right to keep and bear firearms, even NFA weapons.

I have enjoyed continual use of my dad's 1921AC at the range

and I have shot a few magazines at the Hill Country Shoot in San Antonio. I hope that there are others my age and younger that share my enthusiasm and can continue to be faithful.

What we must do can be summed up by a quote from Winston Churchill, "...we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end...we shall fight in the fields and in the streets; we shall never surrender..."

Alex H.

CAPITAL HILL BLITZ

I really enjoy reading *MGN*. Keep up the good work! We need to start pushing for a grass roots effort for a Capital Hill Blitz in D.C. I feel this is long past due. I have voiced my feeling several times to the NRA, but have been ignored. If you agree, please promote this concept before it is too late.

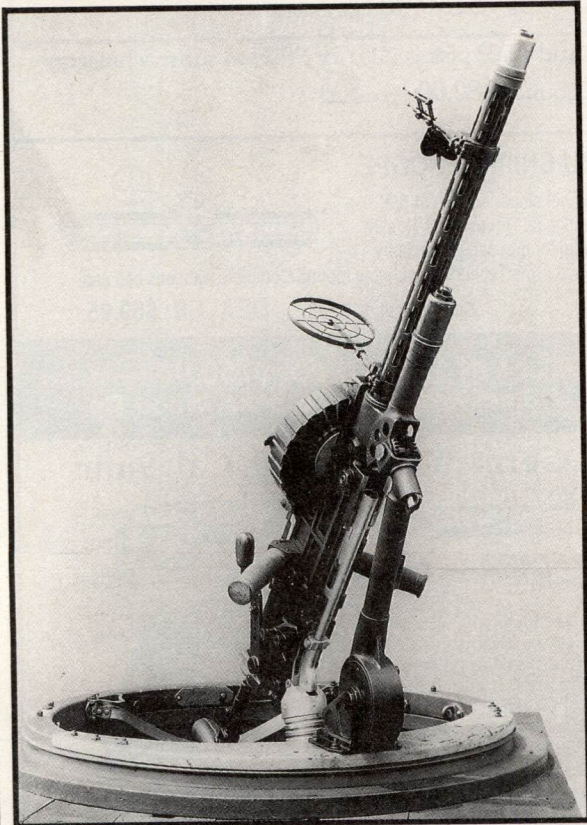
R.K.

Editor's Note: The push is on! Please take a look at The Resolution of 1994 on page 14 of this issue. This is the grassroots effort taking place, with a march on everyone's State Capitol and a march on Washington.

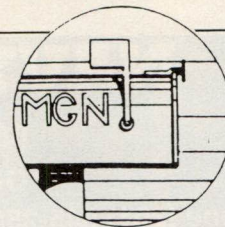
WAKE UP!

Finally, I read with horror your HCI wish list concerning guns in America. Personally, I think we as gunowners in America are going to lose, big time. I hope I am wrong, but with the media, Hollywood, public ignorance concerning firearms, and a large amount of gunowners silent, the gun lobby cannot fight them all.

I myself am a life member of the NRA, a monthly contributor to the NRA-ILA and the Firearms Coalition, and a member of the Nat'l Assoc. of Federally Licensed Firearms Dealers. I have personally met with my Congressman and my State Assemblyman concerning firearms. And, I got five people to join the NRA in 1993. In addition, I constantly am talking about the right of law abiding persons to own guns, with anyone that will listen. Yet, most of the people I talk to do not believe there is a conspiracy to disarm the people in this country. "That will never happen" is ever hear. I helped my younger sister write an essay on the Second Amendment, with references from the Federalist Papers, The Writings of Thomas Jefferson, James



Czechoslovak aircraft machine gun Vzor 30, caliber 7.92 x 57mm. Manufactured at CESKA ZBROJOKA A.S. for the Czechoslovak Air Force. Also exported to Iran, Greece, Estonia. This machine gun was a much improved version of the Vickers aircraft machine gun with a rate of fire of 1,000 rounds per minute. This weapon could be used with either the drum or belt. After the occupation of Czechoslovakia, German Air forces used these machine guns (captured about 5,000 of them) for anti-aircraft work. (Photo from a private collection of Prof. Jiri T. Vojta.)



Madison, George Washington, Ben Franklin, etc. Yet because we did not conclude that the Second Amendment applied only to the National Guard, her teacher did not accept it. He insisted that it was "irrelevant."

We are in big trouble. But, hopefully, we can at least buy time 'till we have an administration that is more pro-gun. Once we lose one type of gun, or them all, we will never get them back. I wish people would wake up. Keep fighting. I look forward to your next magazine.

Peter C.

HCI AGENDA

Enclosed is my check for a subscription to *Machine Gun News*. Normally I really do not have an interest in machine guns, but after seeing the article/report of what HCI is up to I had to subscribe.

Sam R.

PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMEN'S FLAG DAY RALLY AT THE CAPITOL!

On Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, the sportsmen, sportswomen and gun owners of Pennsylvania will march on the Capitol in the fight to preserve their civil and constitutional rights to own and bear arms for lawful purposes.

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The rally at the Capitol will begin at 11:00 AM. Many pro-gun legislators and speakers will be there to defend the citizen's right to bear arms.

Many sportsmen's clubs are chartering buses to take members to Harrisburg for this history-making event. If you are a member of a sportsmen's group, organize your bus transportation now!

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AL June 18 - Central Alabama Gun Club Submachine Gun Match. Central Alabama Gun Club Range, Montgomery, AL. For info, call John Butterfield, (203) 270-9975.

ID June 25 - The Annual Picnic and Fun Shoot! Bring the family, lots of ammo, and a picnic lunch for a fun day on the range. Festivities begin at Noon at the Parma Rod & Gun Club Range, Pearl Road (off U.S. 95) 3 1/2 miles north of Parma, Idaho. Our monthly Association meeting will be held after lunch. Coffee, cool drinks, and SHADE available in the Range House. Range fee: \$4.00; Spectators free. Shooters, Spectators, I.A.W.C.A. Members and Visitors are Welcome! For info: Michael Vickers, 208-344-3244 or Jon Carter, 208-888-2829 or write: I.A.W.C.A., PO Box 7741, Boise, Idaho 83707-1741.

NH June 25, 26, 27 - The North Country Spring Machine Gun Shoot & Show. Stratford Hollow. Minute Man Shooting Club. For further information concerning lodging, campgrounds, restaurants, airports and directions write to: North Country Shoot, PO Box 357, New Boston, NH 03070 or call: (603) 487-3884.

JULY

FL July 3 - Freedom Match. (Open competition) Full-auto Subgun. Trophies and ribbons awarded. Start time 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. For more information write to: Fred Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd., #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call 407-636-0925.

ID July 30 - I.A.W.C.A. P-S-S 3-Gun Tactical Match. This event for Pistol, Shotgun, and Submachine Gun will be an individual competition. A tactical match shot I.P.S.C. style, it will involve shooting around barricades, while running, crawling, prone, and standing at various moving and reactive targets. Entry fees: \$25.00 *One-half price entry fees for all female competitors! Spectators free. 9:00 AM at the Nampa Rod and Gun Club Range, Bennett Road (East off 12th Ave S., 5 1/2 mi. south of Mercy Medical Center) Nampa, Idaho. Shooters, Spectators, I.A.W.C.A. Members and Visitors Welcome! For info: See ID June 25.

AL July - Submachine Gun Match. Fraternal Order of Police Range, Pleasant Grove, AL. (near Birmingham, AL). Date to be determined. For info, call Mark Harger. (205) 925-9511.

AUGUST

FL Aug 7 - Sweatin' Bullets Match. (Open competition) Full-auto Subgun. Trophies and ribbons awarded. Start time 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. For more information write to: Fred Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd., #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call 407-636-0925.

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AL Aug 20 - Central Alabama Gun Submachine Gun Match. Central Alabama Gun Club Range, Montgomery, AL. For info, call John Butterfield. (203) 270-9975.

SEPTEMBER

FL Sept 4 - Club Record Match. (Open competition) Full-auto Subgun. Trophies and ribbons awarded. Start time 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. For more information write to: Fred Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd., #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call 407-636-0925.

OH Sept 11 - The 2nd Annual All Ohio Submachine Gun Match by Tusco Rifle Club. 11:00 til 4:00 PM. Entry fee \$25.00. 3 Stage match in above categories - minimum 300 rounds - cash and plaques prizes. Handgun calibers only, full auto only, iron sights only (no optical or sight aids). Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Location: Midvale, Ohio. Take State RT. 250 east out of New Philadelphia to Midvale exit. Go north 10 traffic lights in Midvale. Turn right at light on County Rd 67. Go 1.6 miles to Tusco Rifle Club. General information: Ammo for sale at range - rest room facilities - nearby motels - primitive or R.V. camping on grounds - good food available at range. Additional information 216-223-1691 or 216-878-5065.

NV Sept 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 - 15th Annual Soldier of Fortune Convention Expo. Military Vehicle Show, Sands Hotel, Las Vegas. Three Gun International Match, Firepower Demo. For exhibitor, convention info. contact Dianne (303) 449-3750 or write: PO Box 693, Boulder, CO 80306.

AL Sept 17 - Alabama Class 3 Association Submachine Gun Match. Swan Creek Public Range, Athens, AL. For info, call Tony Gooch (205) 233-2874.

Sept - The North Country Spring Machine Gun Shoot & Show. Stratford Hollow. Minute Man Shooting Club. For info: See NH June 25-27.

MONTHLY

NC 1st Sat Triad Action Shooters Klub (TASK). Machine Gun Match held the 1st Saturday of every month. 12:00 noon. For more info write: Captain Monty Mendenhall, Triad Action Shooters Klub (TASK), 100 Wildwood, Thomasville, NC 27360 or call (919) 475-4495.

OR 2nd Sun The Albany Rifle & Pistol Club holds sub-machine gun (pistol calibers only) matches on 2nd Sunday of every month at 10 am. Shooters fee \$5 Non-club members are welcome at all our events. For more info write 100 Cedar Dr. Lebanon, OR 97355. Or call Bill (503) 982-4741 or Dick (503) 258-6811.

FL 1st & 3rd Sunday The Port Malabar Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. conducts full-auto events on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. Unless otherwise specified, the 1st Sunday is a match and the 3rd Sunday is practice. For more information see FL- July 3 above.

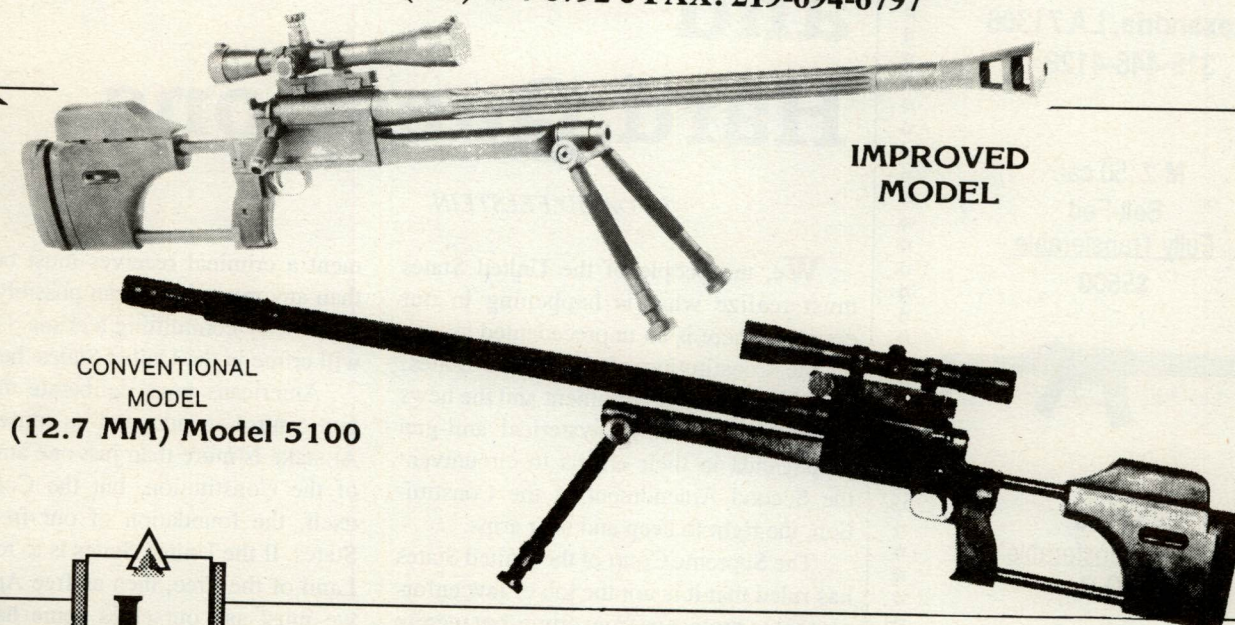
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Editorial

Crime, Guns, and Hard Questions

by DAVID FELSTEIN

We, the people of the United States must realize what is happening in our country. There is an unprecedented assault on the Constitution of the United States! Relentlessly our Government and the news media are screaming hysterical anti-gun propaganda in their efforts to circumvent the Second Amendment of the Constitution, the right to keep and bear arms.

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that it is not the job of law enforcement to protect us from crime, but merely to report, investigate and prosecute crime after it has occurred. At the same time our Government is passing legislation to make criminals out of millions of law abiding, responsible Americans who own firearms and legislate our ability to defend ourselves. This, simply because our Government has failed to preserve, defend and protect the Constitution, and not enforce the laws of this land. Americans must realize that surrendering any guaranteed Constitutional right in hope that our Government will provide us peace and security in our cities is foolish.

The escalation of violence in the United States is not an issue of Democrat or Republican, of Liberal or Conservative, of man or woman, or of black or white. It is simply a matter of right or wrong! It is easy to blame firearms for crime in America, but the actual causes are the deterioration of the family unit, the decline of morals, values and principals, along with the failure of the judicial system. Regardless of the weapon of choice or the availability of any particular weapon, criminal activity will continue until the political, judicial and social systems in the United States puts justice before criminal rights. The punish-

ment a criminal receives must be greater than any reward they can possibly hope to achieve by committing a crime. Only then will crime in the United States be abated.

Americans must deliberate the crime-gun control agenda, and its consequences. At stake is more than just one amendment of the Constitution, but the Constitution itself, the foundation of our free United States. If the United States is to remain the Land of the Free, then as free Americans we must ask ourselves some hard questions.

What has happened to the conscience of Americans? We permit this onslaught on the Constitution! We have to remember what Washington, Jefferson or Lincoln were thinking or what those American soldiers buried in Arlington died for.

Are Americans so dependent on the idea that our Government is there to protect and provide for us that we are indifferent to an assault on our Constitutional rights? We must recognize that to allow our Government to legislate away any Constitutional right is a travesty to the concept of being a free American!

Have Americans been so duped by the obviously Liberal, left-wing news media and entertainment industry, that we are deaf to the constant promoting of social, deviant behavior? Behavior that is alien to any concept with the laws of nature and of nature's God?

Are Americans so believing in our Government and the news media that we cannot comprehend that it's an eternal grace to voluntarily surrender our freedoms for hollow promises of security by professional politicians? The gun control issue has nothing to do with crime, but is the

litmus test for our Government to see how far they can go in subjugating "We, the People." The issue isn't about gun control, but about freedom control!

Have Americans lost their self respect? We tolerate arrogant, egotistical, hypocritical politicians and a federal bureaucracy that is uncompassionate, impersonal and vindictive. We endure exorbitant taxation and restrictive, obstructive, impractical laws passed by our Government, in which they exempt themselves from the laws that they have passed for "We, the People." Is it time for term limits?

Are Americans too idealistic, unrealistic, and out of touch with reality? We are confusing justice and compassion! In our society that is so concerned with human rights, equal rights, gay rights, animal rights and criminal rights, what has happened to victim's rights? Are Americans blind to a legal and judicial system that victimizes the victim and is lenient to the criminal? A system that automatically appeals a convicted murderer's death sentence to protect their "rights under the law" then compromises the victim by plea bargaining away their justice, and paroles or gives clemency to criminals. We must demand swift, fair justice and maximum

punishment, including the death penalty!

Have Americans abandoned the premise of personal responsibility? We now hold everyone and everything accountable but ourselves. We must understand that personal responsibility is the foundation for a free society. Without such an understanding, a free society cannot be free for long.

What has happened to Americans sense of humor? We take ourselves too seriously. We are so concerned with our own self centered agendas that we have become intolerant and insensitive of others.

Are Americans so complacent that we take our Constitutional rights for granted? History has shown that when someone takes something for granted, someone else will come along and take it away.

Have Americans become so naive that they believe that a totalitarian, police state government can not happen in the United States? Why can't it? Twentieth Century German history has shown that a modern, civilized nation can be subjugated by a tyrannical government. Experience has proven that if someone forgets history, they are condemned to re-live it.

Are Americans forsaking our nation's heritage, integrity and pride? Do we still

understand why the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States were written? We must remember the significance of the Pilgrims, the Boston Tea Party, Concord, Fort Sumter and Ellis Island. We must never forget the sacrifice Americans made on the battlefield to keep us free.

As for myself, I wonder if it matters any longer, if anyone out there is listening or even cares. It would be easier if I would just keep quiet and let the Government have its way. There might not be a place for a conservative, law abiding, responsible, patriotic American in the 1994 Liberal agenda.

I love my country, but I fear my Government, and I believe that armed men are citizens, unarmed men are subjects! I believe in the Constitution of the United States. I've got hard questions that need answers, so I'll write another letter, to the President this time.

I will quote Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death." MGN
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HCI Agenda Cont.

The following, is a continuation of the HCI Agenda article which appeared in the March 1994 issue. This is purported to be a handout for debating with pro-gunners. Even if this is not directly attributable to Handgun Control Inc., these points (many based on myth not fact) have been made by HCI and other anti-gun organizations. This is the type of thinking behind the push for more restrictive gun laws. As such, we feel it is important that you see it.

A Quick Guide to Arguing with the Gun Zealots

When you argue with the anti-gun control forces remember to press these key issues:

Strategic points to remember for public speaking:

- * Today's criminals and gangbangers outgun our cops.
- * Our children are being threatened, murdered and cut down in the street.
- * There is no sporting purpose for a semi-automatic firearm.
- * The 2nd Amendment does not protect the right to own military or semi-automatic arms.
- * With tens of millions of people owning guns, the potential for lawlessness and gun massacres increases ten fold each year.
- * The current crime wave can touch any community, and social strata.
- * Handguns have no purpose other than killing people.
- * Households with guns are 43 times more likely to have their guns used against a family member than those households without guns.
- * Self defense is no legitimate reason for owning a gun (see above point).
- * The vast majority of crime guns are bought legally.
- * Most gun dealers sell thousands of guns illegally to gangs and criminals every day.

Repeat these facts over and over and eventually the public will begin to see the light. They cannot casually dismiss these devastating facts any more. They will be remembering our arguments long after the echoes of the NRA's arguments have vanished.

Remember that they are defending the right to murder in our country. This alone makes them look brutish and Neanderthal. Offer our people another alternative. An alternative to violence and machismo. It is becoming less and less politically correct to own a gun. Ultimately society as a whole will look upon gun owners with dread and disdain.

Other Pressing Points:

* **Military Assault Weapons:** The confusion by the general public between semi-automatic weapons can work in our favor. Constantly dropping the words - submachine gun, fully automatic, machine gun, military weapon, high tech killing machine are good debater's tricks to instill a sense of dread over these weapons. Ultimately people will learn to dread these weapons just like chemical warfare weapons and toxic waste dumps.

* **Semi-automatic Weapons:** Remember that there is no place for any kind of semi-auto weapon in a safe society regardless of how it looks, since many so called sport rifles can be easily converted to a military configuration. Thus all semi-automatic weapons are capable of being called "assault weapons." Never let up on this fact.

* **Endangerment of Children:** It is difficult for the gun groups to counter arguments which call atten-

tion to the endangerment of children. Making the opposition look callous creates an image of brutality and indifference to the audience. Keep this point in the forefront of any public argument.

* **Enough is Enough:** Americans are sick and tired of the violence that is infecting our society. Press forth this point and other points of a related nature. It is time for action, to take back our streets from crime. If we don't take action now, this crime wave will engulf America. Again, be sure to press the point that the Gun Lobby opposes action to counter this crime wave.

* **Assault Weapons — The Choice of Criminals:** Assault weapons are the weapons of choice for gangs, mentally deficient individuals, and criminals across the board. The Gun Lobby argues

that anyone at any time should have the right to buy and own these weapons of mass destruction.

* **Too Many Guns in the U.S.:** There are over 200 million guns in America today. One for every man, woman and child in the United States. Push the fact that each one of these killing machines poses a grave threat to our population.

* **Assault Ammunition — Military Firepower — Death:** The ammunition for military arms are more powerful and more devastating than normal ammunition. This type of ammo, if not banned, should have the delivery systems (aka assault weapons) banned at least.

Points of Victory in the Last Ten Years:

- * Defeating the NRA's attempt to gut the ban on interstate handgun sales.
 - * Defeating the NRA's protection of cop killer bullets.
 - * Defeating the NRA's protection of plastic, undetectable handguns.
 - * Winning a ban on Saturday Night Specials in Maryland.
 - * Winning bans on assault weapons in states and cities throughout the U.S.
- Also remember to make good use of HCI's prepared 10 and 20 minute sample speeches. HCI's offices will make more speeches available in the future. These speeches can be modified to fit a variety of circumstances.

The Fraud of the Second Amendment and the Gun Lobby's Big Lie:

The following is our current flyer on the NRA's Fraud concerning the meaning and interpretation of the Second Amendment. Remember to read the arguments about the Second Amendment and our fact sheets on "Children & Guns," "Firearms & Youth Suicide" and our upcoming fact sheet on the "Myth of Using a Gun in Self Defense." Be sure to familiarize yourself with the S.T.A.R. program and push not only for its implementation but also of new materials which address the Gun Lobby's myth about the Second Amendment. "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."

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution

The Second Amendment: Fraud and Fact

Four Basic Reasons Why The Second Amendment Permits Gun Control

(FRAUD) 1. The Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees each individual the unlimited right to own and use guns for hunting, self-protection, target shooting or other individual pursuits.

(FRAUD) 2. Because the Second Amendment guarantees Americans the right to bear arms, the government cannot forbid Americans to own firearms, such as handguns, or even assault weapons.

(FRAUD) 3. Because it contains the phrase, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms," the Second Amendment obviously was meant to confer an individual right to own and use firearms.

(FRAUD) 4. A "well-regulated militia" refers to those persons who live within the boundaries of any given state, and that's why each citizen of a state retains a fundamental "right to keep and bear arms."

(FACT) 1. Although the gun lobby, led by the National Rifle Association, literally spends millions of dollars each year promoting this false claim, the truth is the federal courts have unanimously held that the right to keep and bear arms is limited to participation in an organized militia... that the Second Amendment does not guarantee the right of individuals to own and to carry arms.

(FACT) 2. No federal court in history has ever overturned a gun control law on Second Amendment grounds. To the contrary; the courts have held that this amendment does not prohibit Congress from regulating the interstate sale of weapons, nor does it prevent the states from regulating the use and sale of firearms as they see fit.

(FACT) 3. During colonial days, Americans held a great distrust of standing armies and, in order to get the Constitution ratified, the framers had to include a Bill of Rights provision to protect state militias from federal encroachment. Thus, "of the people" refers to the right of the people to participate in organized state militias, free from interference by the federal government.

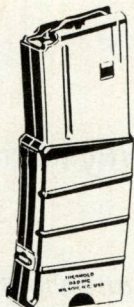
(FACT) 4. The term "well-regulated militia" has been consistently viewed by the federal courts as the active organized militia of each state. Moreover, the U.S. Supreme Court has twice held that the National Guard is the modern day equivalent of a state militia. Of course, the National Guard does not use privately owned firearms at all.

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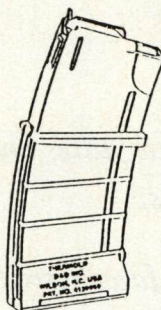
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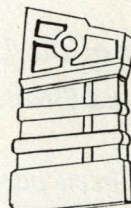
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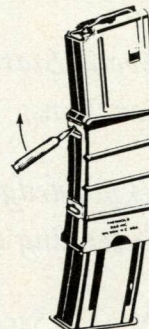


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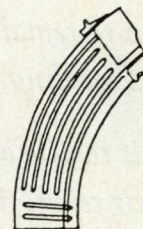
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AND; It is acknowledged by all who have reviewed the Bill of Rights that the Framers of the Constitution were intending to codify to God-Given Rights of Free Men and Women;

WHEREIN; The Second Amendment was written to guarantee that the Free Men and Women of these United States had the ability to defend their homes, and families against all who would threaten them, especially a tyrannical government, their firearms for Defense of Self and Community, NOT merely for sporting purpose;

It has become a necessity for the Free Men and Women of the United States to make their determination to remain Free apparent to the various government agents and officials who have been usurping and stealing their Rights.

It is resolved, that on July 2, 1994, the concerned Citizens of these United States will assemble in their respective State Capitols, then in Washington, D.C. on August 14, 1994, and through peaceable demonstration, make known to the Public Servants that:

We, the People, The Free Citizens of these United States of America, will no longer stand for these thefts of our God-Given, and Constitutionally Guaranteed Rights and the Public Servants shall be placed on notice that their authority springs from the People, and not any government itself.

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The Committee of 1776 is comprised of American Volunteers. There are no paid "Advocates". Service on the Committee is available to anyone who feels that they can be of service in regaining our Constitutional Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Our singular purpose is to force the return of our Constitutional Rights, in specific, the Second Amendment. We welcome all concerned groups, but they are asked not to let their private agendas get in the way of the objective. Divisiveness through racism, or bigotry is not allowed. It is necessary that the Demonstration of July 2, 1994 be of exceptional size and media exposure, in each state capitol. Committee members are starting to organize in each state. Please get active in your state as soon as possible. These rallies will be the springboard for the National Rally on August 14, 1994. Committee members are starting to form in each state. Please get active in your state as soon as possible.

We ask you to do everything in your power to get the word out, and to convince the "Naysayers" that we can do this... there will be no second chance. We have reached the end. If we do not make a stand now, our legacy will be one of failure and loss to the Socialists and New World Order fanatics who would destroy the Constitution.

The large firearms rights organizations are not running this assembly of the People. They are welcome and invited to participate, and most are. This is entirely grassroots, and must remain so in order to work. The Gun Owners of America have thrown their support into this. The N.R.A., the Second Amendment Foundation, the V.F.W., the American Legion, the V.V.A., and all other groups are asked to lend their organizing powers to this endeavor.

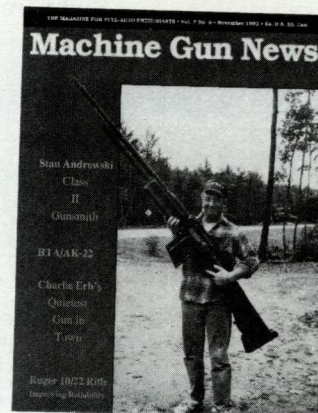
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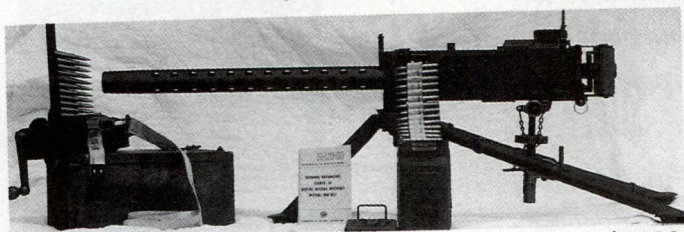
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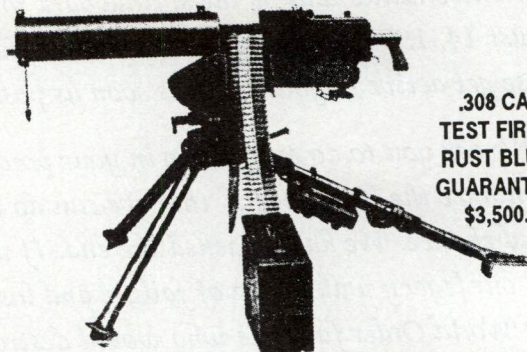
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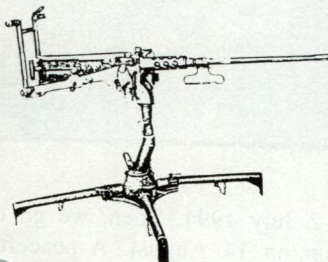
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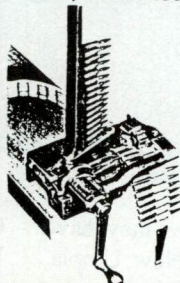
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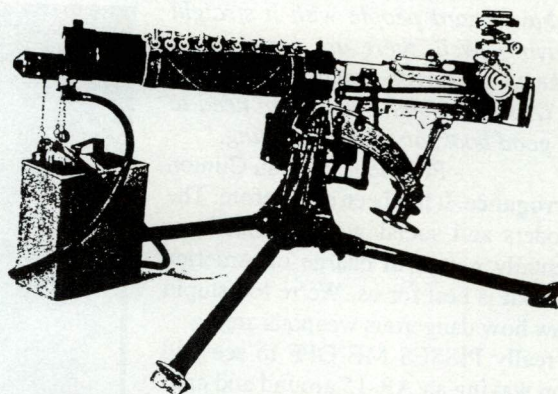
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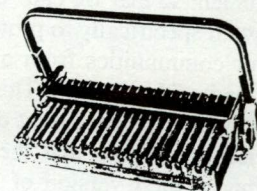
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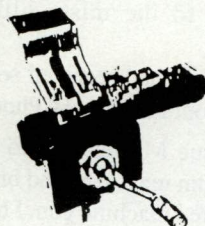
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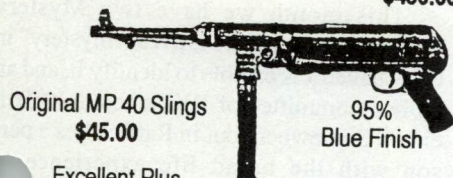
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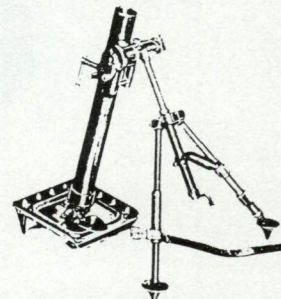
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by DAN SHEA

"I have heard people with a straight face saying 'Well, there are some adults that like to go target practice with these things (Assault rifles)', Well, they need to read a good book, or take up bowling."

- President William Clinton

Arrogance. It has been said before. The do-gooders and social workers that have accidentally gotten in charge of America know what is best for us. We're too stupid to know how dangerous weapons are.

It really **PISSES ME OFF** to see Bill Clinton waving an AR-15 around and calling it a "battlefield weapon." What the hell does he know about it? I carried an M16 in defense of my country when he was running around communist countries learning how to BE one. Well, I have some news for the two-timing, lying, sleazy, yellow belied WUSS. We don't have a Second Amendment so that we can "target shoot." We have it specifically to protect ourselves and our communities from a government gone mad with tyranny. This isn't about "Crime Control." It's about disarming the American people so that the Clintonistas can impose their version of Socialism on us. I think the next apologist who whimpers to me about "something has to be done about these assault weapons that are only meant for killing," is going to find themselves getting a four hour intense history course on what has really happened in the last 100 years every time these Socialist

bastards get into power. Once they have decided on the form of the New Utopia, everyone who doesn't agree is "re-educated" or flat out terminated. If you don't think that Bill and Hillary are capable of that— try listening to them again. Look at the people that they surround themselves with. I'm not going to waste this Rafficaria on quoting them. They are intolerant of anyone who disagrees with them, and practice class warfare at every opportunity.

Get involved, friends. Get out there and start organizing the March on State

Capitols—2 July 1994. Then, we go to Washington on 14 August. A peaceful demonstration. "Lay off of the Constitution!"

Thanks for bearing with me while I unloaded that. On to the misty hills of Rafficaria....

By press time we had received several answers on last month's Mystery Photo:

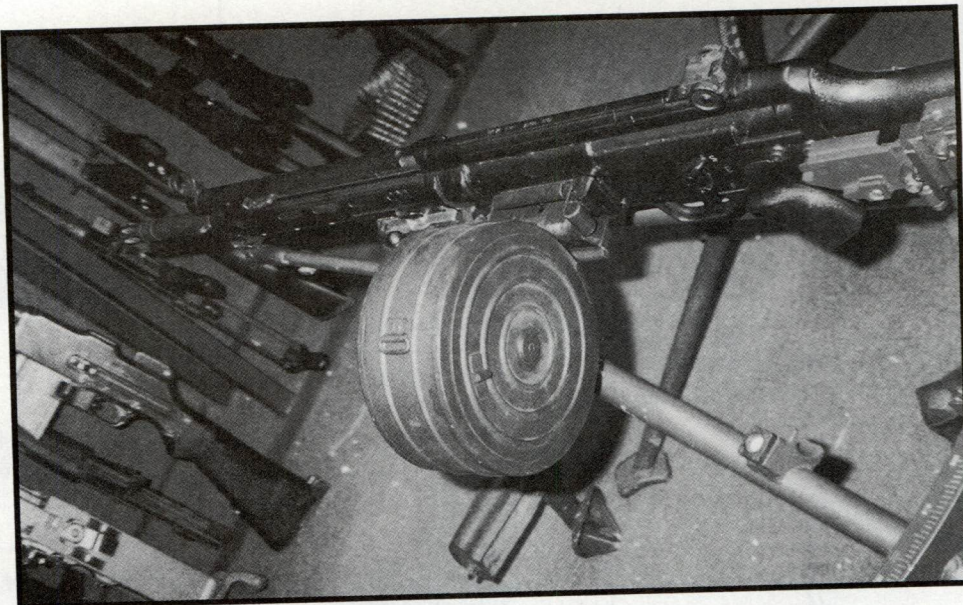
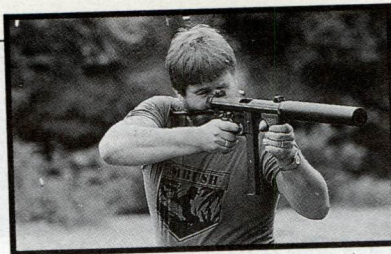
A1 The May issue Mystery Photo is an easy one, it's a drum magazine and bracket for an HK21 belt fed machine gun. I have a 21 and am pleased to actually own this rare accessory. Karl Schroetter.

A2 I believe the Mystery photo in the May issue is the drum and mounting bracket for an HK21. Boy, if it is, I sure would like to own it! It would look great on my '21.

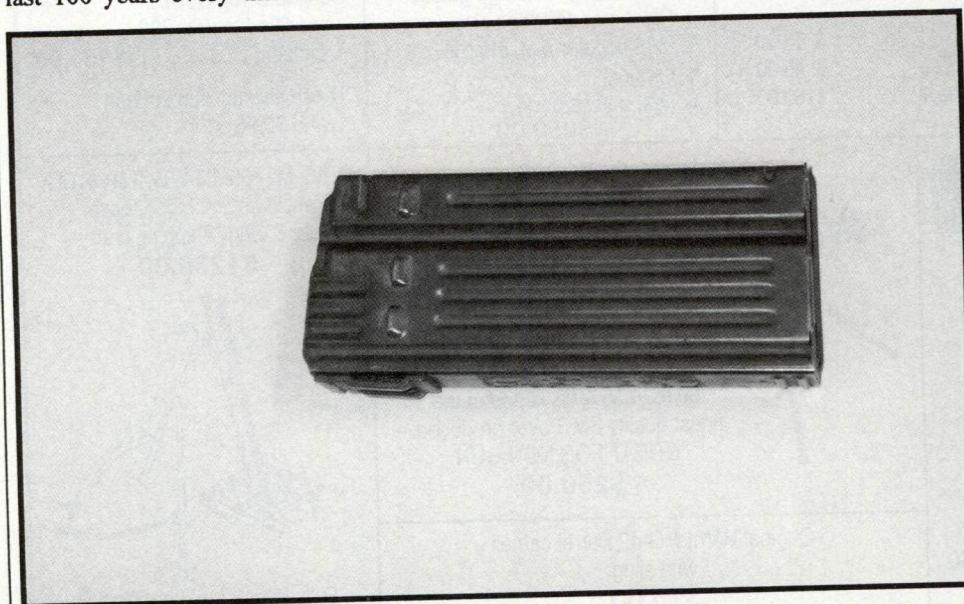
Sandi Norton.

You are correct, it holds the non-disintegrating .308 cal belt for the HK21 (See photo).

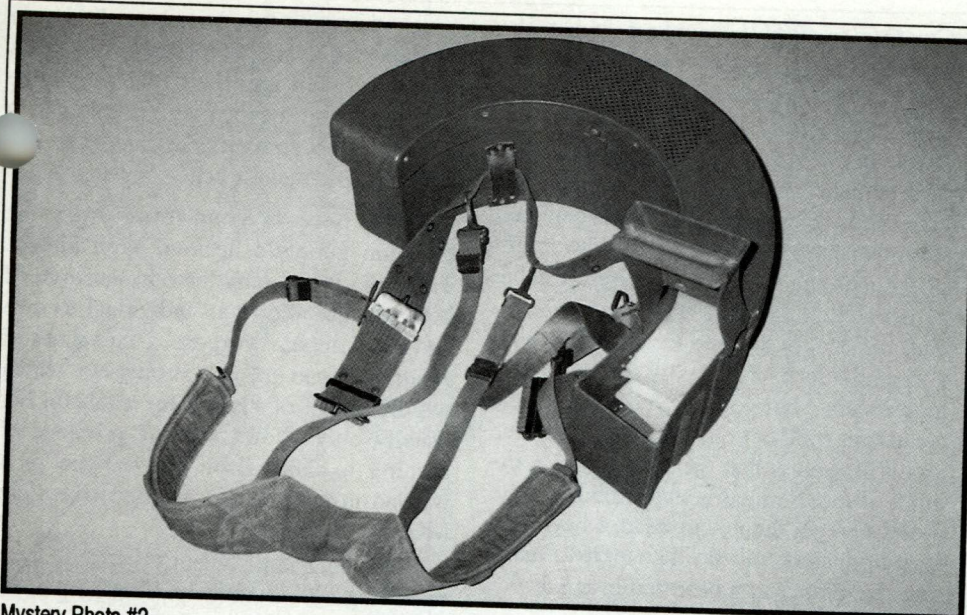
This month we have two Mystery Photos. The magazine is a real "mystery" in that I haven't been able to identify it, and an ad hoc committee of RKI's couldn't ID it either. Somewhere out in Raffica lies a person with the broad life experience "Name That Magazine!" I have old photos which show that the ribs are included over the whole body of the magazine, including the base and feed lips! The second photo is a known quantity to



Mystery Photo Answer from May 1994 issue.



Mystery Photo #1



Mystery Photo #2

us—see if you can figure it.

Q Although my subscription renewal is not due until July 1, I thought I'd get in early and save time, and the hassle of not receiving an issue.

I am very interested in buying a belt loading machine for the .303 Vickers HME. Are there any companies in the U.S. who have such items? I'm sure there must be a hand cranked version similar to that used for the 7.92mm Maxim—but failing that, anything that will ensure seating rounds to the correct depth in the belt.

How about an article on belt loading machines (I know you've mentioned the one for the 1919A4) and even magazine loaders—I've got two different hopper fed Bren mag loaders in my collection.

Ralph D.

Hampshire, England

A We usually include loading devices in the regular articles. I would say that there are two companies that come to mind for a Vickers loader. Century International at 802-524-5268 has a Maxim type loader that was issued with 8mm Vickers guns, and Ohio Ordnance in Chardon, Ohio at 216-285-3481 has lots of different loading machines. If any of you Rafficarians have more info, send it in.

Q Regards reader "Mike D" who inquired about the Accuracy International L96A1 Sniper Rifle ("Raffica," page 18-19, MGN April 1994), he may want to contact Mr. Malcolm Cooper at the address shown below.

Though it's still being serviced, the L96A1 is no longer in production and has been replaced by AI's new "Arctic Warfare" (AW) sniper - and recently joined by the AW Police (AWP) model. The folks at

Gunsite are planning to import both these models into the U.S. As an aside, Peter Kokalis did a damn fine article on these two rifles in, I believe it was, the April 1994 *Soldier of Fortune*.

Please know that I look forward to each and every issue of *Machine Gun News*. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully,

James M.

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A Information speaks for itself. I read Peter G's article the other day, and recommend it to any who wants more info. I look forward to testing one out.

Q So how about that "made in China" 120 round drum for the Colt AR-15 Sporter?

Is it any good?

Does it fire fully automatic or semi-automatic only? The ad in *Shotgun News* does say for the Colt Sporter...

A subscriber....

A The ones that I tried years ago had trouble in full auto. I fired one of the new ones at Knob Creek and it worked fine—no jams. I didn't try to burn 120 rounds out of it because I don't believe that to be a "Good" thing to do to an M16's gas tube. MGN would be interested in an article if anyone is interested in running through a few drums and seeing how they work out.

Q I've recently received a copy of *The Black Rifle M-16 Retrospective* (a very well written and very informative book) and

WHAT'S THE POINT.

"Assault Weapons" banned. Large capacity magazines banned. We've lost. I give up. I'm going to curl up in my bed and pull the blanket up.

Not.

I just watched the President of the United States of America lie, twist arms, buy votes, threaten Representatives, and generally do anything possible to get the "ban" passed. The truth was a casualty at every level, including how Rep. Schumer secured some of the "swing" votes. He lied to them by saying that he would "remove the 4473" provision during the Senate/House reconciliation. He has no such authority. The ban on further manufacture of 19 semi-auto's and their clones, whatever else ATF wants to include, and the further manufacture of magazines over 10 rounds in capacity is "manufacture for private possession." It passed by 2 votes — another "Clinton" style victory, barely scraping by.

Are you disgusted? Are you worried? Are you amazed that this blatant violation of the Constitution could be railroaded into law? Are you really surprised? I'm not. Our leaders have disassociated themselves from the reality of a Free America, and have slid further down the slippery slope of "Big Brotherdom." We need to stop them, now.

They listen to the voters when they can hear them. The media is not going to help us. We need to get out and get in front of them. On 2 July, the Committee of 1776 has called for a rally to be held at each state capital. Get involved in organizing yours. Get all your friends to go. Charter a bus. Your representatives will be home that weekend. Let them HEAR YOU! If they voted with us, thank them, invite them to speak at the rally. If they voted against us, make sure that they have a sick feeling in their stomachs that USA Today and Geraldo don't speak for the majority, and they just messed up bigtime. Elections are in November.

They have gone too far. Let them know. MGN will give a full update on how this affects us in the next issue. Keep the Faith—The Torch of Freedom is easy to blow on, but hard to extinguish.

have pretty much understood it all except for pg. 391 about Colts' new XM4 carbine. This is what confuses me. I have heard about the XM4 earlier, but I thought only Bushmaster produced it and this book states that it has three round bursts as well as full automatic mode? Is it right? Also, on close

examination, I've noticed that the M-203 doesn't have a safety! What's wrong here?

Jeff

P.S. Would you mind explaining what Abu Dhabi is. Thanks for a great column.

A Abu Dhabi is the nickname for the XM-4 system, which is the 14" barreled Shorty with an M-203 40mm grenade launcher mounted on it. The name is either from a Desert Storm connotation or a proposed contract with Abu Dhabi, I've never gotten it straight myself. Perhaps you guys at Colt could enlighten us a little. That M-203 takes a special barrel. Bushmaster produced some of the barrels for the project and their own foreign contracts. Colt produced the system. There is a 4 position system for the Colt M16. The selector rotates 360 degrees with Safe-Semi-Burst-Full being the positions. Burst is 3-shot. It has not been a very successful feature, and was not on all models. The one in the book is a 3 position model, the stops have to be ground off for the 4 position model. Look again at the M-203. You'll see that there is a safety position hole, and, indeed, a more form fitting safety on the front of the trigger guard. It appears as if some of the safety outline was lost in pasting up the photo. I highly recommend *The Black Rifle* to anyone interested in the AR-10, M16 series story.

Q In a few months, we are moving to the Las Vegas area — at which time my son would like to go into the movie rental business — including automatic weapons. Problems:

- 1) How to fix them to fire blanks; who does this, or how to learn how yourself?
- 2) We have the BATF application—any suggestions on this?
- 3) Security of weapons— other than an internal thick cement vault— any other thoughts?

Bob S.

A Blank firing can be done by using blanks and restricting the barrel diameter to keep back pressure so that you can cycle the action, or by simulating fire with another type of fuel such as propane. It should not be tried by inexperienced people. You should know firearms and the tools that you are working with.

As far as the ATF Federal Firearms License application — the Form 7, it has changed a lot since the Brady Law. There wasn't any language in Brady that called for the changes, but ATF has implemented a finger print, photo, Law Enforcement Certification and a whole nightmare of things on the new application. The *Machine*

Gun Dealer's Bible is your best guide to the process, but it doesn't cover the new process. The update will — it is coming guys, be patient.

Security? Keep a low profile. Use suppressors when you shoot. Don't brag about your guns. Remove the bolts when you store the guns so that any one who might steal them can't use them. Aircraft cable guns together. Install a good security system. Make sure that the local police know you and stop by frequently. Mostly common sense— but you are vulnerable if the creeps get wind of you. One thing you have going for you is that the perception in the mind of the criminal is that robbing a gun dealer can get them shot-dead. I hope that all gun dealers will do their part to make sure that these scum bear that in mind.

Q Greetings from the left coast. Dan, I ordered some back issues of MGN with my subscription and saw the famous "Bridge Removal" cover photo Aug 1990. How can I get an autographed 8x10 photo? Now, on to "hard" questions...

1. What are the extra threaded holes for on M1A2 grenade launching adaptors. This one really drives me nuts! (Really)
2. Can a proud owner of a Form-1'ed M79 buy the orange powder practice projectiles from the manufacturer for home reloading? If so, what's the factory powder charge in those .38 S&W "tool loads" used to propel them?
3. Have you heard anything to confirm that the Marine Corps is thinking of dumping the M-203 and returning to the good ol' M79s? I hope so, I've had M-203's pop open firing H.E. three times!

Thanks in advance, and to everyone at MGN your doing an outstanding job, I'm renewing until I die! Hopefully after too many renewals to count.

Uncle Sam's misguided child
Washington

A Misguided one— I hope that they do issue the M79 again. Many of your Special Forces still have them in inventory, and quite a few of the Green Berets that I know are afficiandos of the Thumper. Practice rounds are available sporadically. Make sure you know your source so that you are not buying stolen government property. Our information has been that there are several major (100,000) lots of practice rounds that were sold as surplus in the 1980's. We don't have any lot numbers, but there have also been several private manufacturers that sold them on the open market. I do not have the recipe for the blanks— (please write in guys).

On the infamous "Bridge Removal"

cover, that was the Amoskeag bridge in Manchester, NH, photographed by Dick Morin as it fell into the river. I would be honored to sign a copy for you. Send it in to Vida at MGN and I'll take care of it. J cover the postage for her.

Q Well here is your letter from the machine gunner's heaven. Well almost. Tasmania is the only state in Australia (I believe) that allows an individual to own and fire full auto weapons. Other states of Australia issue special permits etc. which requires a lot of kissing up to obtain but usually only allows you the privilege of owning a blank firing movie gun or a welded up example of what used to be a live MG.

Tasmania until recently had NO laws regarding MG ownership. That's right, no \$200 tax, no photos, fingerprints, background checks, etc. As well as this we have no great firearm problem especially with full autos. I am told that the greatest firearms problem, we encountered were street signs being shot, trespassing with a firearm and the like. Oh well all good things come to an end. Now we have to have a photographic gun license with the words; "fully automatic gun" written on it. Also when we sell an MG, we have to notify the Commissioner of Police what we sold, to whom and when. But the good news is they tell us this is not registration. Yeah, right. Oh, did I neglect to mention we also have to keep a register of all information about the gun, who it was obtained from, whom sold to. The police can ask to see this at "any reasonable hour" and you must produce it along with the guns that are listed in it. Luckily we do not have a version of your ATF here. The local police do most of the work which is sent to the "Firearms Registry." To all you guys this must seem like business as usual but we have not had to do any of this up until now and it is a little difficult to get used to.

Now comes the part which makes things difficult for us. I do not know which year it was brought in, but our Customs Act has not allowed us to import MGs or parts for quite a number of years. To add insult to injury we have not been allowed to import pistol-gripped semi-autos of a caliber larger than .22 since the late 70s, early 80s, or parts thereof. Imagine the frustration of breaking a firing pin in your .30 cal, an extractor in your AR-15, a driving spring in your M60 and not being able to buy a spare part. Which brings us to the next part. The Customs Act stops the importation of these dreaded full autos and therefore if you have one of these weapons it is deemed to be an

illegal import and seized usually destroyed. Anything built after the cut-off date is deemed to be an illegal import. A short list of things we cannot legally own here: M60, M47, M16, AC556, SAR48, G3, MAC 10/11, FN May, M249, M79, M203, MG3, HK21, AUG, get the idea, are we still having fun? There are some weapons which seem to be in the "gray" area. eg. MG42 — you don't advertise the fact you have it in case the police decide to grab it and make you fight through the courts to get it back.

Due to all I have told you so far you can imagine this has a great effect on price. I often hear of — something for sale here then pick up *MGN*, *Shotgun News* and look at the price it goes for in your country. Not a smart move, it gets depressing. The numbers (amount) of MGs we have here does not help the price or the chance of purchasing one. We have heaps of MG08, 08/15, Brens (only in .303 usually) the last count of MG42's in Tassy — two.

I am becoming depressed. When you write it down it hurts more than thinking about it. We still have fun, though, what was the line, "Don't let the bastards grind you down." There are a number of "believers" in Tassy and throughout Australia and I enjoy talking to them.

There is only a small part of what happens out here in this letter but if you wish I will write from time to time and answer any questions you may care to ask. I enjoy correspondence from overseas and if you have the time to write I would be pleased to answer.

Fergus Adkins
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Australia

A I love to hear from Rafficarians in other countries. Living in one of the remaining Free Zones of the United States is great, but it gets scary as I watch the creeping loss of our rights in the controlled zones. From your letter I surmise that we are not alone. I've included your address so that other Aussies can stay in contact or anyone else who may be so inclined. I would be curious to find out if we Americans could temporarily bring our machine guns to Tasmania for one of your get togethers. Is it possible to get a copy of your regulations and procedures?

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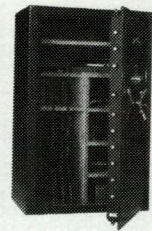
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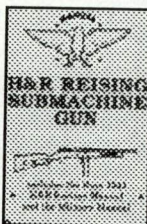
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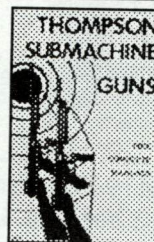
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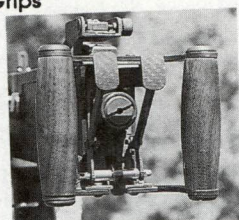
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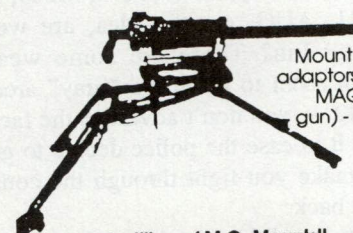
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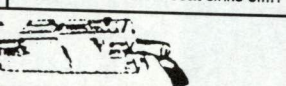
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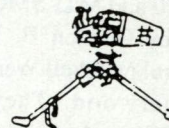
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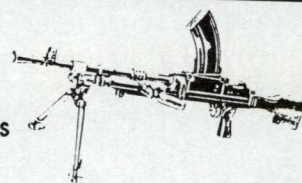
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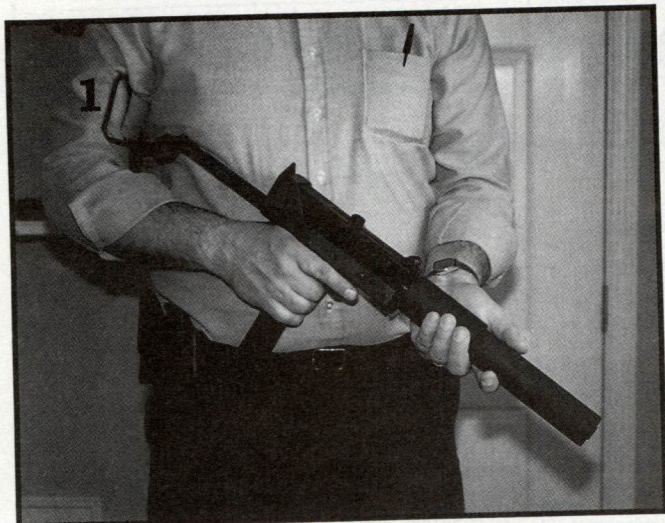
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Welcome to another column of **FOCUS ON:** a series that details a different firearm in each installment. My last **FOCUS ON:** article was about the rare and expensive General Electric M-134 Minigun. This time I'm jumping to the other end of the spectrum with the Ingram M10 (.45 ACP and 9mm), M11 (.380 ACP), the S.W.D. M11/9 and the Texas MAC M10A1 series of submachine guns.

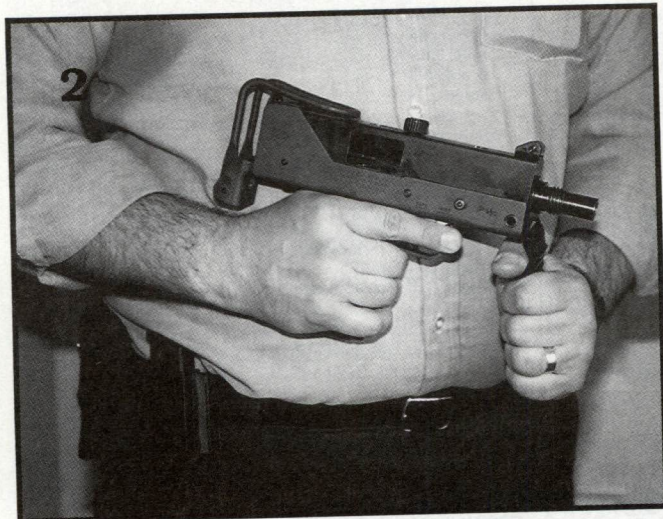
HISTORY

The original M10 and M11 SMGs were designed in 1970 by Gordon B. Ingram, working with General Mitchell WerBell III and James Leatherwood. They were manufactured by Military Armaments Corporation of Powder Springs, Georgia.

Due to circumstances that deserve a separate article to explain properly, M.A.C. went bankrupt in 1976. All of their holdings including complete guns, suppressors, tooling, parts and accessories were sold at auction. [Editors note: In an upcoming issue an interview describes the auction.]



Ingram M10 .45 ACP w/stock extended and dummy suppressor.



M10 in the machine pistol mode.

Focus On:

THE INGRAM M10, M11 & S.W.D. M11/9 SMGs

by CARL SILVER

R.P.B. Industries, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia began production of the M10 and M11 early in 1977. R.P.B. engineers designed and manufactured semi-automatic versions of the guns for consumer sales. Some buyers soon realized that it was relatively easy to "convert" these semi-auto pistols into SMGs. On 21 June 1982, BATF reclassified the open-bolt semi-autos as machine guns. Unfortunately, things didn't work out, and R.P.B. held a public auction on 18 October 1982.

In 1983, S.W.D. Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, was the next company to advertise using the Ingram and Cobray trademarks. They also designed and manufactured the M11/9, a smaller, lighter replacement for the Ingram (see August 1993 *MGN*).

Another company to rise from the ashes is the "Texas MAC" run by James Leatherwood, who acquired the Military Armament Corporation, and moved it to Stephenville, Texas around 1986. They produced an improved version of the M10 (.45 ACP and 9mm) designated the M10A1. The changes included: an improved buttstock, a muzzle brake, ambidextrous safety and a reduced cyclic rate.

When you see an M10 or M11 advertised as being a "M.A.C., Powder

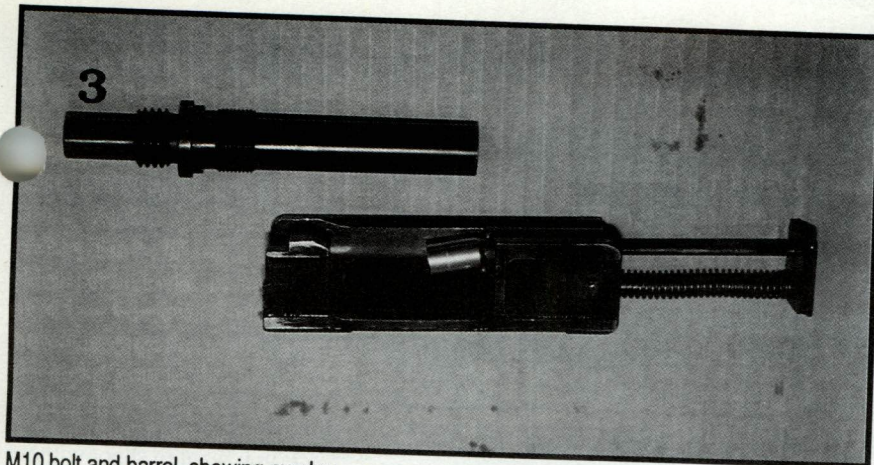
Springs," it means it was manufactured and registered previous to the 1976 auction. Guns that are advertised as "R.P.B., Powder Springs marked," are receivers that were sold at the auction and finished by R.P.B. (they are marked M.A.C. Powder Springs, GA on the right side of the receiver and R.P.B. Atlanta, GA on the left side).

The popular generic name for this series of guns is "MACs," so I will use MACs unless I'm referring to a specific model.

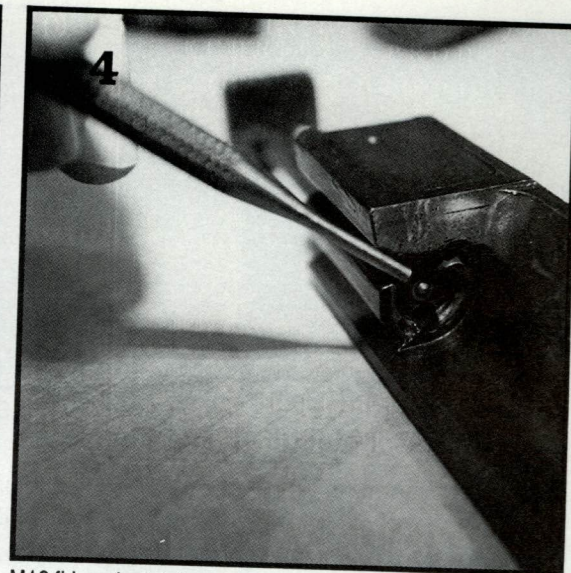
FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The "MAC" is a selective fire, air-cooled, blowback operated magazine-fed firearm using the telescoping bolt design. The pistol grip is the magazine well and the gun is equipped with a retractable / removable wire stock. With the stock extended, it can be fired from the shoulder like a carbine (picture 1), or from the hip, with the stock retracted (picture 2). If you want, you can shoot it like a pistol (but only in the movies). The Ingram M10 & M11 design incorporates a bolt-locking feature to prevent an accidental discharge from the bolt being jarred to the rear. With the bolt in the closed position, the cocking handle is rotated 90 degrees to lock the bolt in place. This blocks the front sight, reminding the shooter that the bolt is locked. This feature is not included on the S.W.D. M11/9 SMG. Do not insert a magazine into a M11/9 until you are ready to fire. The .45 acp magazines are of the double column, single position feed design with standard capacities of 30 rounds. The 9mm and .380 acp magazines are double column, two position feed holding 32 rounds for the M10-9mm, M11/9, and M11/380. Due to the light weight of the bolt, the guns fire at very high cyclic rates of 900 to 1300 rpm, dependant on model, caliber and ammunition. Both the Ingram M10 and M11 were

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M10 bolt and barrel, showing overlap.



M10 firing pin detail.

designed to be used with the Sionics suppressor. The suppressor reduces recoil, adds mass, and gives the support hand something to hang on to.

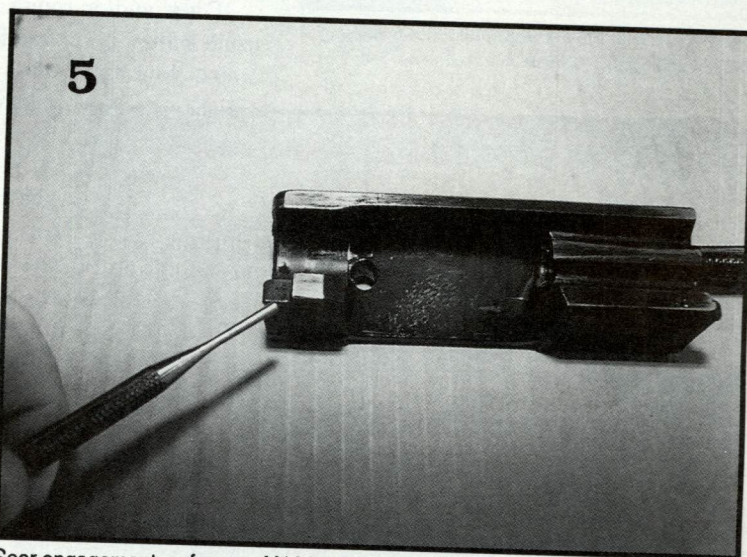
MECHANICAL DESCRIPTION

The receiver is made from sheet metal stampings that are bent and welded together. The MAC is built with a telescoping bolt. Most of the length of the barrel extends into the receiver. The bolt is machined so that it has a recess for the barrel, and in the forward position, telescopes over the rear 3/4 of the barrel (picture 3). This design first appeared in the Tech M23 and M25 SMGs. It is also more commonly seen in the IMI Uzi, Mini Uzi, and Micro Uzi SMGs. This third generation design allows for a very compact size and the gun balances at the pistol grip. The recoil spring is piloted by a guide rod and the ejector does double duty as a second guide rod for the bolt.

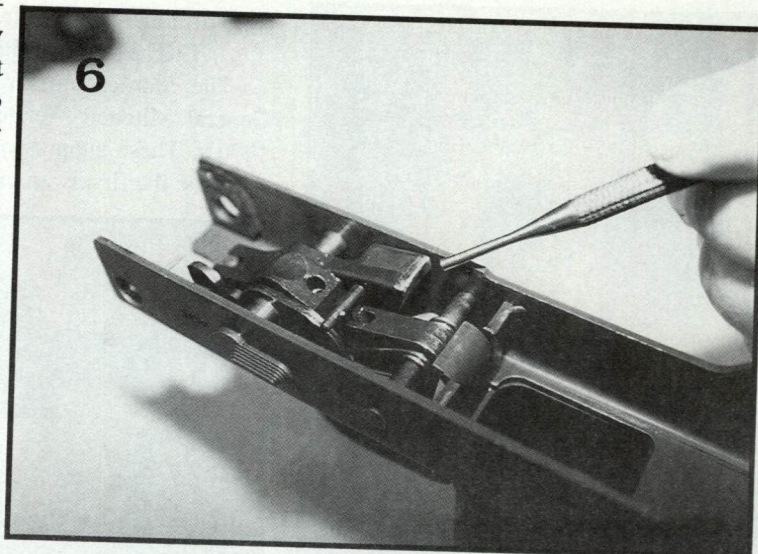
BASIC TUNE-UP

Due to the high cyclic rate, 90% of all failure-to-feed malfunctions are from magazine problems. With metal magazines, compare the feed lip angle on a "good" mag to the defective ones. A little work with a hammer and pliers should restore the "bad" ones. Deburr and polish the feed lips as required. Also compare the spring tension. Many aftermarket

magazines were made with weak springs. With defective plastic mags, the best solution is to replace them. On the bolt, inspect the firing pin protrusion for any burrs or pits (picture 4). Carefully polish / blend any defects. The rule here is, "if it ain't broke", don't fix it." On the bottom of the bolt, inspect the sear engagement surface (picture 5). Also inspect the sear (picture 6) and the trip (picture 7). Stone any burrs away, but don't remove too much material or change any angles. This is NOT the gun to try to tune for a three pound trigger pull!

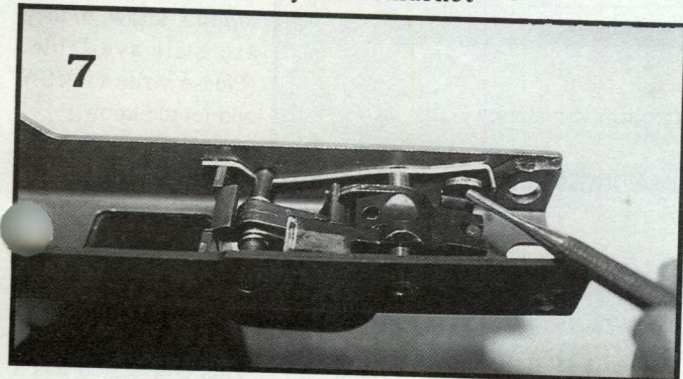


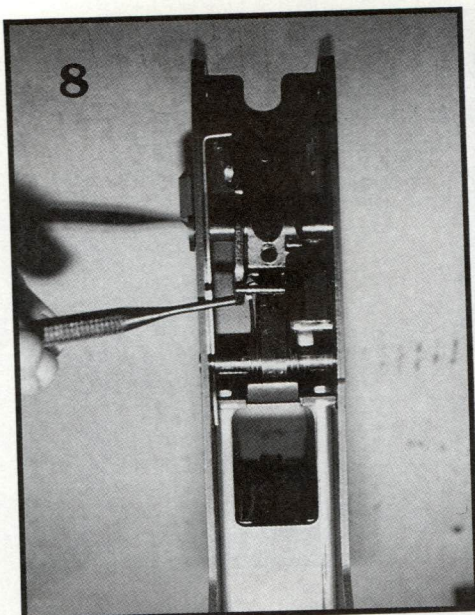
Sear engagement surface on M10 bolt.



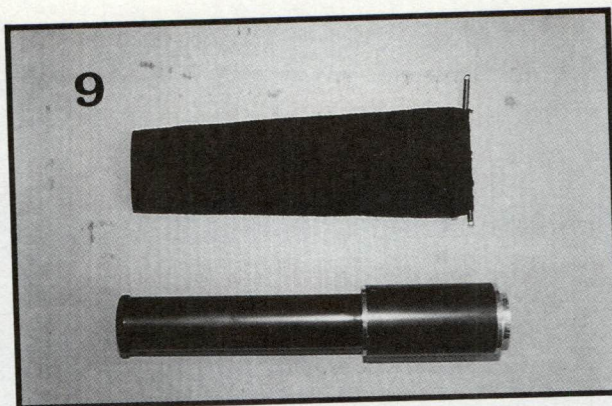
Above: Check this edge of sear for burrs.

Left: Inspect this trip.





Semi-auto fire in the full-automatic mode will result if this spring is weak.



M.A.C. Suppressor (w/ A.W.C. wipeless end cap) and Nomex cover.

For modifying the MACs into competitive SMGs, see the March 1993 issue of *MGN*.

COMMON FAULTS

Dirty and/or rough chambers are the usual cause of extraction problems. Examine your fired brass for scratches and polish your chamber if necessary.

If your MAC fires semi-auto with the selector set for full-auto, check the tension of the trigger spring where it presses forward on the disconnector (picture 8). If it is weak, replace it.

Some of the MACs were assembled with soft trigger and sear pins. If they are wearing or just sloppy, replace them with new pins made

from drill bit shanks or from drill rod.

THE MAC SUPPRESSORS

The Sionics units were designed by General Mitchell WerBell III during the 1970's. These suppressors consist of two sections: the first is an expansion chamber

filled with metal grommets, the second contains two spiral diffusers and two wipes. There is a Nomex sleeve available to prevent burning the shoe during full-auto operation (picture 9). This design was very effective, even by modern standards. Several suppressor manufacturers offer upgrades for this design that eliminate the wipes (and their need for continuous replacement).

If you want to shoot without a suppressor, and still have something to hang on to, there are dummy suppressors and shrouded barrel extensions (picture 10). These greatly enhance muzzle control and hit probability. They also make the gun safer to shoot.

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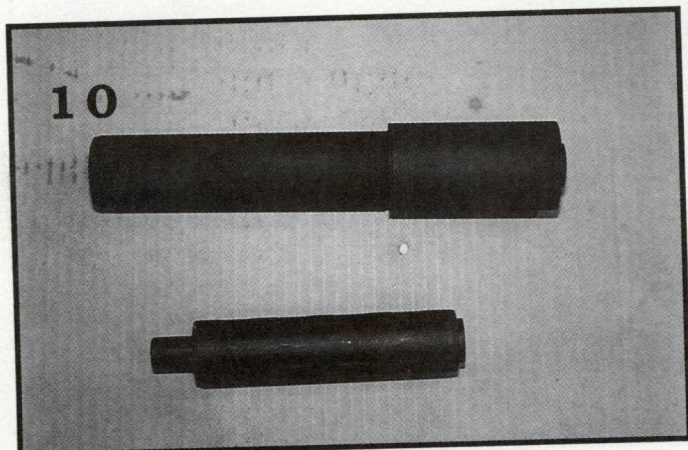
The M10 (.45 ACP) originally used modified M3 (greasegun) magazines. The factory magazines were available in the following capacities. M10 (.45 ACP): 10 rnd (concealment), 30 rnd (standard), 40 rnd (rare) and 50 rnd (rare), (picture 11). M10 (9mm): 20 rnd (concealment, rare), 32 rnd (standard), and 40 rnd (rare). M11/9: 32 rnd plastic. The early plastic M11/9 mags had splitting problems. This was cured in later production, but Component Metal Products, Inc. (see references) is producing 30 rnd metal magazines for the M11/9. A simple magazine loader was also made.

STOCK OPTIONS

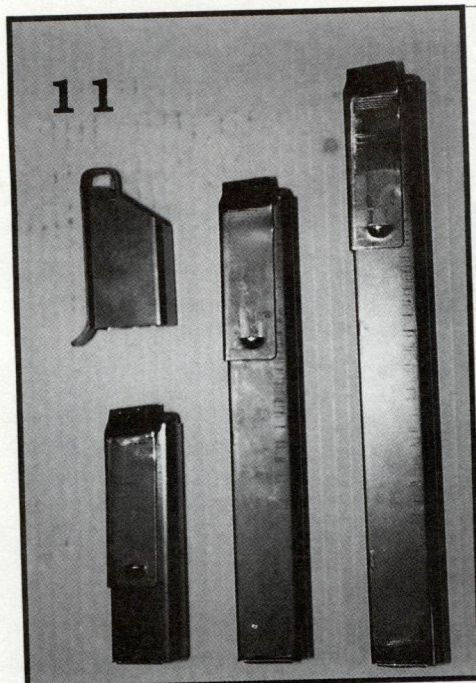
The MACs come with a retractable wire stock (picture 12), which was designed to meet the original mission requirements. For recreational shooting, many Mac owners use the gun as a carbine and desire a more substantial stock. Several aftermarket companies offer wooden buttstocks (see references). At one time, there was an adaptor sold to mount the M16 buttstock assembly to the gun, but I don't know if they are still available. (Please write to *MGN* and let me know.)

CALIBER CONVERSIONS

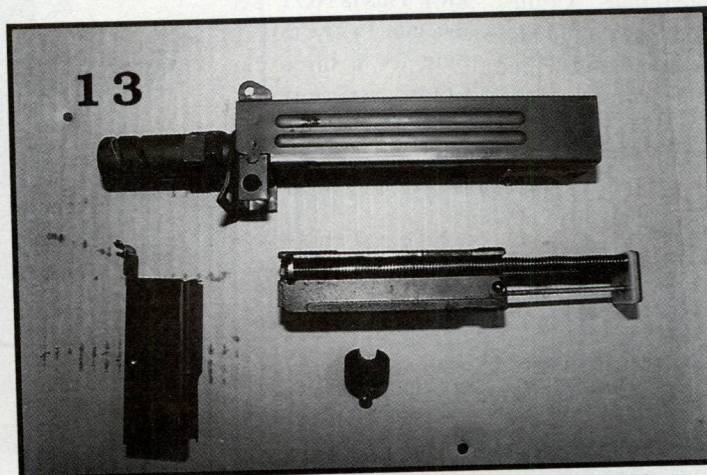
The Texas Military Armaments Corporation manufactured a 9mm conversion kit for the M10 (.45 ACP). This conversion has a



Dummy suppressor and shrouded barrel extension.

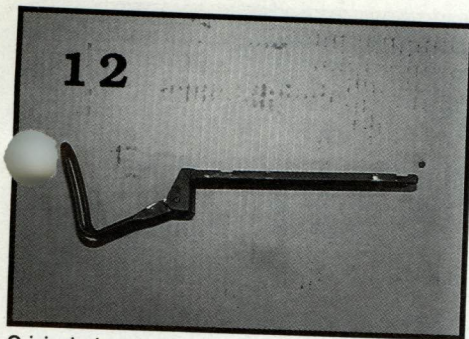


10 round "concealment," 30 and 40 round .45 ACP magazines w/ loading tool.



Texas MAC 9mm conversion for M10 (.45 ACP). Note magazine well insert and muzzle brake.

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Original wire stock.

reduced cyclic rate due to a heavier bolt and cocking handle, and a replaceable firing pin. It incorporates a magazine well insert that uses standard M10 (9mm) magazines (picture 13).

Bill Fleming is producing a .22LR conversion kit for the M11/9 (see August 1993 *MGN* for a complete test). It uses Ruger 10/22 (R) type magazines, is available with left hand ejection, and it works perfectly.

MAC'S AT THE MOVIES

For all of you John Wayne fans, *McQ* featured the duke hosing down the bad guys (complete w/ magazine changes!) with a suppressed M10 (a special note to F/X historians: this was the first movie to use a black powder powered piston to flip a car command).

In *Escape From New York*, Kurt Russell carried a MAC in a holster complete with a suppressor and telescopic sight, but no stock!

One of the James Bond movies had Roger Moore firing a MAC, but I can't remember which one (readers?).

And lastly, there wasn't a single episode of *Miami Vice* that didn't show half a dozen dirtbags, all shooting MACs. MGN

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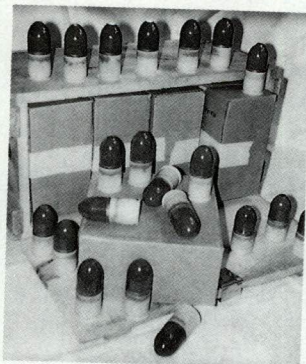
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The M2 Browning :

by STEVE HYDE

A Historical Note

Many readers of *MGN* are no doubt aware that the venerable .50 BMG cartridge owes much of its inspiration to the round used in the German Mauser "T-Gewehr" antitank rifle of 1918. But they may be surprised to learn that inspiration for "Ma Deuce" herself also dates from the First World War. It involves a young American ordnance officer, a top-secret French weapon and a frigid boxcar ride in the dead of a winter night!

Our story takes us to France in December of 1917. Henry B. Allen, a captain in the U.S. Army Ordnance Department, was serving under Colonel C.C. Williams, then Chief Ordnance Officer of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe. Allen's duties included acting as ordnance liaison between American and French troops and working at the First Machine Gun School at Gonducourt. At this school, several officers voiced the need for a weapon that could deliver effective "ground barrage" fire at much greater distances than could be obtained with the .30 caliber machine guns then in use. Allen himself noticed that the phosphorous incendiary ammunition the French were using in their 8mm Hotchkiss guns was almost useless against the German zeppelins and observation balloons,

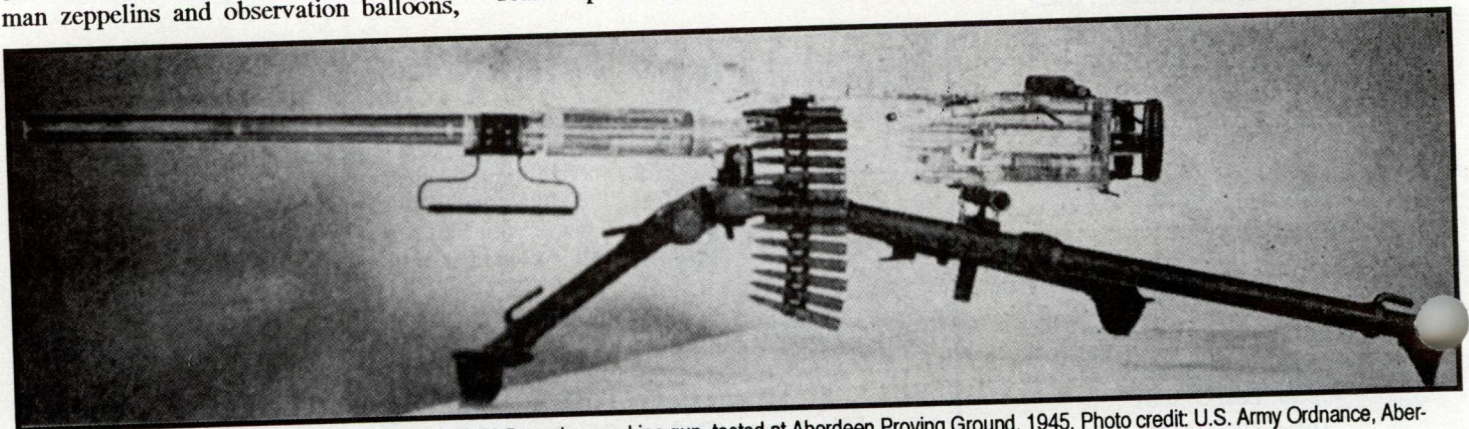
and of only limited effectiveness against aircraft.

Capt. Allen soon learned from his own unofficial sources that the French were trying to remedy the situation by secretly developing a larger machine gun. He learned that it was to be essentially a scaled-up Hotchkiss, firing a similar phos-

phorous round but of larger caliber, and that two prototypes had already been built and were being tested. He even discovered the identities of the French units that were conducting the tests! Allen dutifully reported all this to his superior Col. Williams, who directed him to contact the French Ministry of Armament and try to learn more about



Photo credit: U.S. Army Ordnance Dept.



A fully functional, plastic working model of the M2 HB .50 Browning machine gun, tested at Aberdeen Proving Ground, 1945. Photo credit: U.S. Army Ordnance, Aberdeen.

this new weapon.

Allen visited the Ministry on Christmas Day, 1917. They informed him that one of the prototypes had completed its testing and had gone to the French arsenal at Bourges to be inspected. After some discussion, the Ministry allowed him to see the gun and its test records on condition that they not be removed from the arsenal. So the next morning Allen procured a small Fiat staff car (complete with enlisted driver!) from the U.S. Army Air Corps headquarters at Paris and immediately proceeded to Bourges. His arrival was delayed by an unexpectedly severe snowstorm in which, despite preparations, the car suffered two flat tires and barely made it to its destination the following day.

Allen was assisted in his task at Bourges by the arsenal's commander, a very cooperative French colonel who had personally contributed to the development of the new weapon and was appreciative of the American's interest in it. The gun itself came through the tests in fine shape and the records showed good performance, with the only negative point being a relatively low muzzle velocity. Allen then told the

colonel that he really would like an example to take back to the U.S. for trials. The proud Frenchman immediately phoned the Ministry of Armament and prevailed upon them to allow Allen to take the gun, arguing that his arsenal had already obtained all useful information from the prototype and had no further use for it. The Ministry gave its approval, and the gun was packed for shipment.

But there were a few problems. The Fiat's tires could not be fixed, no replacements could be found, and the weather was still terrible. There was no room on the scheduled express train to Paris, and the next one due was delayed by the snow. But the French colonel convinced the station manager to add an extra boxcar to the train, saying that Capt. Allen was on an important Allied mission and must reach Paris at once! The boxcar had no heat and was full of snow and wood chips but, thus accommodated, the captain and his gun rode overnight through the bitter cold. Upon arrival at Paris, Allen caught a staff car back to the U.S. Army's Ordnance headquarters at Chaumont.

The prototype, with accompanying

records, went back to America along with a letter from General Pershing urgently requesting that the Army develop and produce a similar weapon. Development proceeded at a rapid pace, and by 1921 the Army had a .50 caliber gun ready which in most respects closely resembled the M1917 .30 caliber water-cooled Browning. This weapon, an air-cooled aircraft gun designed to fire between moving propeller blades, was designated the M1921. A water-cooled version intended for anti-aircraft roles followed almost immediately, and shared the same M1921 designation. During the course of the next decade, the need for an all-purpose air-cooled version with a heavier barrel to prevent premature barrel failure was seen and a minor redesign in 1933 gave us the M2 .50 caliber gun we all know today.

Captain Henry B. Allen continued to lead a distinguished career in the Army's Office of the Chief of Ordnance, serving in the machine gun and small-arms section. He later went on to become Dr. Allen, director of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA.

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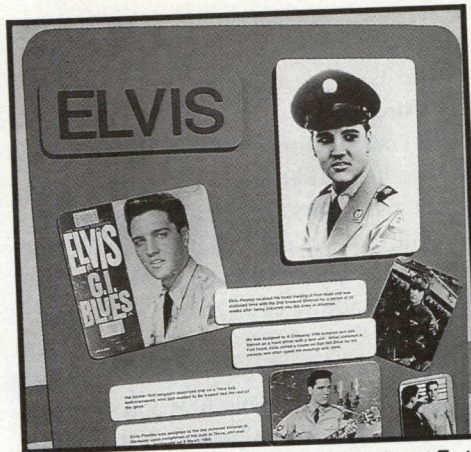
2nd Armored and 1st Cavalry Division

Story & Photographs by ROBERT M. HAUSMAN

Here on the central Texas grounds of historic Fort Hood, one of the largest military bases in the free world, the collector, shooter and student of the history of Title II arms will find an arsenal of information and actual specimens to examine. The military post, which is the home or the workplace of over 50,000 civilian and military personnel, contains two separate museums dedicated to preserving the history of the two U.S. Army divisions which are stationed there: the 1st Cavalry and 2nd Armored Division.

Background

The post is named in honor of General John Bell Hood (1831-1879), an American soldier and Lieutenant General in the Confederate Army. Born in Owingville, Kentucky and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1853, Hood served as a cavalry officer in service against the Indians. With the outbreak of the Civil War, he resigned his commission in 1861 to join the Confederate Army. He was soon promoted to Brigadier General and put in command of the famous Texas Brigade of the Army of Northern Virginia. At Gettysburg he commanded a division under Longstreet and was wounded in battle. Later on in 1863, he became a division commander with the Army of Tennessee and was wounded again at the Battle of



Elvis Presley received his Army basic training at Fort Hood.

Chickamauga. This second wound resulted in the amputation of his leg. Undaunted, the next year he was placed in command of the Army of Tennessee and opposed Sherman's Army during the "March to the Sea." After the war, Hood was a New Orleans businessman until he died of yellow fever on August 30, 1879.

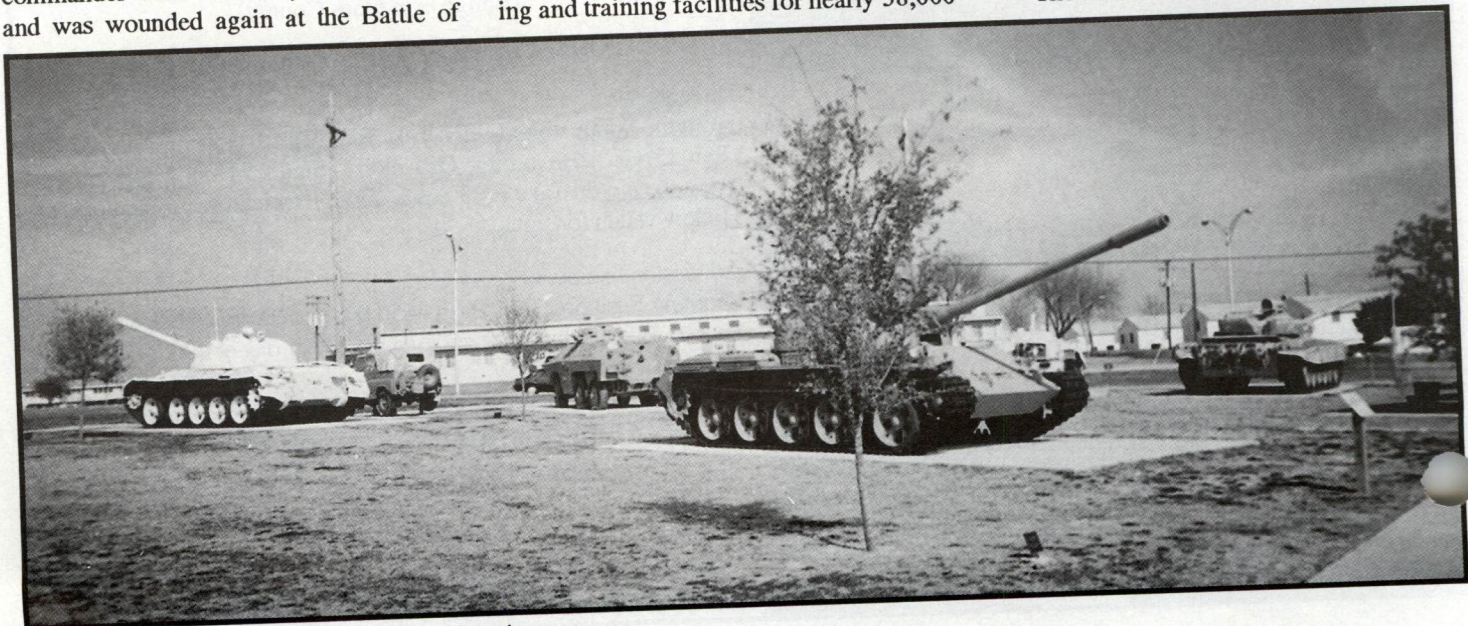
On January 15, 1942, the War Department selected a 108,000 acre site near Killeen, Texas as the place to build the Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center which came to be known as Camp Hood. The official opening occurred September 18, 1942 and the base initially provided housing and training facilities for nearly 38,000

troops. In January, 1943, an additional 50,943 acres were added to the camp. The base reached its peak population of almost 95,000 troops plus several thousand prisoners of war in late June, 1943. In 1944, the number of tank destroyer battalions in training at the site declined and were replaced by field artillery battalions and the Infantry Replacement Training Center. On April 15, 1950, Camp Hood became a permanent installation and was redesignated as Fort Hood.

Among the more notable soldiers who have served at the base was the singer Elvis Presley. He received his basic training here and was stationed with the 2nd Armored Division for a period of 25 weeks after being inducted into the Army in Arkansas. He was assigned to A Company, 37th Armored and was trained as a truck driver with a tank unit. While stationed at Fort Hood, Presley rented a nearby house for parents and often spent his evenings with them. His former first sergeant described him as "a nice boy, well mannered—who just wanted to be treated like the rest of the guys." Upon completion of his duty in Texas, Presley was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. He was honorably discharged on March 5, 1960.

Divisional Histories

The 2nd Armored Division was formed



A view of some of the armor on display in the vehicle parks.



In foreground is Japanese Type 92 Heavy Machine Gun cal. 7.7mm, weight 61 pounds, weight w/tripod 122 pounds, cyclic rate of fire 450-500 rpm. Made by Nambu Armament Manufacturing Co., Tokyo.



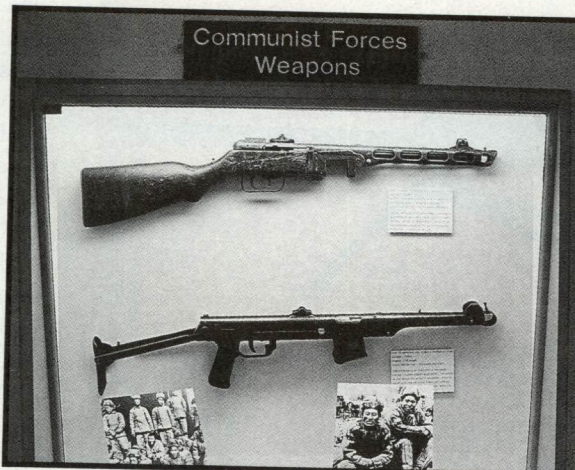
An interesting (U.S.) M-3 Sniper Carbine, cal. .30, weight 5 pounds, cyclic rate 750-775 rpm. This is an M-2 Carbine with infrared telescope and battery. It was the Army's standard sniper rifle during the Korean War.

in 1940 and got its baptism of fire during the liberation of French Northwest Africa in November, 1942. They later went on to rout the Hermann Goering Panzer Division during the invasion of Sicily eight months later. The Division established a foothold in Nazi Europe with its landing at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 1944, and pushed the German Army further into France. They made a one-night's 100-mile race to prevent the German break-through at the Battle of the Bulge and later became the first American unit to enter Berlin. All told, the Division spent three years overseas and in its seven campaigns captured 95,000 of the enemy and liberated 22,500 Allies held prisoner. The Division's triangular red, yellow and blue lightning bolt emblazoned shoulder patch bearing the inscription "Hell On Wheels," was designed by Major General George S. Patton, Jr.

The 1st Cavalry Division, nicknamed "The First Team," was created in 1921. It traces its history back to the early Cavalry troopers of the 1850's who performed service in the Indian Wars and patrolled the

border with Mexico. The Division took part in the liberation of the Philippines in World War II including slicing through 100 miles of Japanese-occupied territory to become the first American unit in Manila. General Douglas MacArthur selected his "First Team" to lead the Allied Occupational Army into Tokyo. A few years later, the Division completed the first amphibious landing of the Korean War and broke-out across the 38th parallel to capture the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. In Vietnam, they became the Army's first air mobile division.

Today the 1st Cavalry is a 16,000-soldier heavy armored division. As one of the Army's two on-call contingency force divisions, it has an on-order mission to deploy by sea, air or land to any part of the world on short notice. To accomplish its missions, the Division is equipped with these major systems: 348 Abrams tanks; 162 Bradley Fighting



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Museum Exhibits

There are a total of about 120 armored and other types of military conveyances in the vehicle parks surrounding both museums. They date from the World War II era on up to modern times. Many are Soviet designed or built and were captured from Iraqi forces during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Selected specimens include a (U.S.) Tank, Heavy, T43/M103 with 120mm gun. In 1952, production of the T43 tank was authorized and in the same year it appeared as the M103. Due to the Korean War, the design had been rushed and numerous modifications were made before the vehicle was battle-worthy. The design basically consisted of an M47 chassis mounted with an extra heavy turret and large gun. It served mainly as a back-up tank destroyer. One problem encountered in use was the extremely loud report of the large gun which often left tank crews bleeding from the ears. The AV1790-5B engine was underpowered only allowing the tank to travel at a rate of 15 mph. About 200 M103's were produced before it was replaced in 1963 by the M60 Patton tank with 105mm gun.

Another interesting vehicle is a (U.S.) Motor Carriage M7 (Priest), 105mm Howitzer. Development began in June 1941, under the designation T32. It was basically the chassis and lower hull of the M4 (Sherman) tank with a new superstructure in the forward area which mounted standard 105mm M2A1 Howitzer, offset to the right. The British, in using the piece in North Africa in 1942, dubbed it the "Priest" because of its pulpit-like anti-aircraft position.

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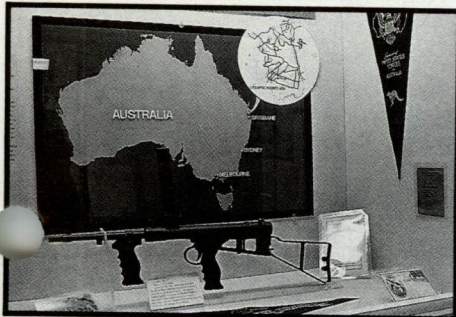
tion. Total produced was 4,267.

Also interesting is a T-72M1, Main Battle Tank of the former Soviet Union. Abandoned by the Iraqi Army near Mutla (west of Kuwait City) in February 1991, it was one of the three tanks that blocked the road causing the famous blockade of over 2,000 fleeing Iraqi vehicles. Introduced in the early 1980's, the museum's example was manufactured in Poland in 1987. It can ford depths up to 18 feet and has a full nuclear/biological/chemical (NBC) over-pressure system. An automatic loader eliminates the necessity of manual loading of the main gun. Armament consists of a 125mm smooth-bore main gun, a 12.7mm machine gun and a 7.62mm machine gun in coaxial mount.

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Students and fans of small arms are not left out as the museums' display cases contain quite a few. A case entitled "Iraqi Arms" contains an MP5 submachine gun that was originally manufactured by HK for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was captured from the Saudis by Iraqi forces and then re-captured from the Iraqis (who had pressed the piece into service) by American forces.

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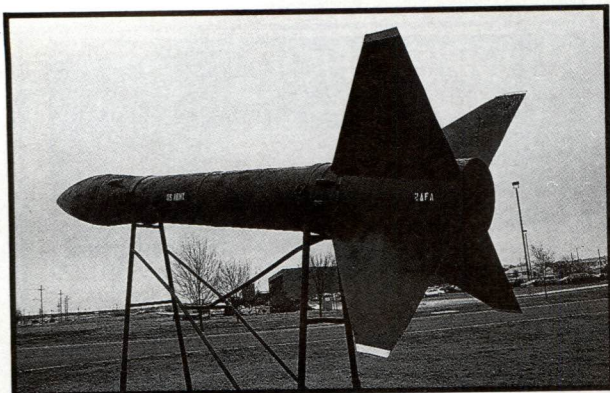
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Other museum cases contain such diverse items as captured uniforms, armbands, medals, and headgear of Nazi Germany, a trooper's kit as used during the Indian Wars, a Japanese battle flag captured during the liberation of the Philippines and a custom-tailored mess jacket worn by Major General George S. Patton, Jr.

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cally a North Korean copy of the Soviet AK-47 and selectively fires the 7.62mm cartridge. Also here is a RPG-7 Rocket Launcher, the standard communist squad weapon for use against tanks. It fires an 85mm rocket-propelled grenade. In the same case is a RPD Soviet Standard Squad Light Machine Gun of the post World War II years. This model saw extensive service with the Vietnamese and fires the standard 7.62mm round.

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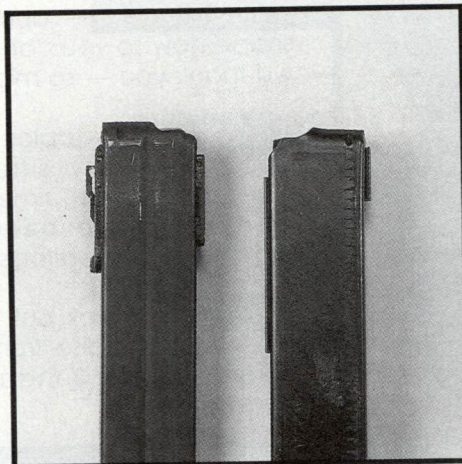
by *RUSSELL A. WILLIAMS*

If you have a Class 3 gun you already know the fun of putting the selector to "auto" and running off a magazine of your favorite loading. But have you thought about how useless your gun would be if it didn't have a large capacity magazine to feed it? Now, some large capacity magazines are easy to come by, others hard to find. How many M16 mags of various size did you see in the last gun show? How much did they cost? Just a few bucks for used mags, less than \$15 for the new ones. But if you're like me and have a gun that uses mags that are hard to come by, you can spend a pile of bucks on just one or two magazines. My S&W M76 (9mm) takes a mag that's not off the shelf. If I can find a used one in good condition I can expect to pay over \$75 for it—and I couldn't afford to buy a new one, if such a thing existed.

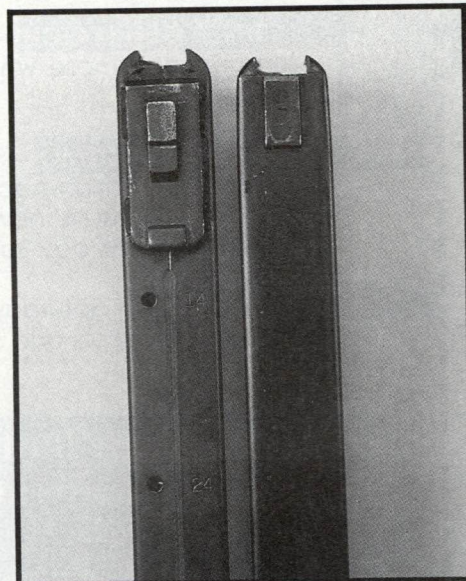
A while back I got steamed at paying \$88.92 for a used magazine. Somehow, I had to come up with a cheaper source of mags for my gun. But how? The answer came to me while I was at a gun show in Phoenix. I was looking at a magazine dealer's stock when I found a mag that looked like it would feed in my M76, but it obviously wouldn't lock into the magazine well. Then it struck me—I could convert the magazine to fit.

Now, I'm writing this with the M76/MK760 in mind, but I think the concept of conversion would work for other similar guns as long as two simple but very important points are met. First, the external shape of the magazine you want to convert must approximately match that of the one you want to duplicate. A square mag won't fit in the well of a gun that takes a blunted triangular one, and a mag designed for

single column feeding probably won't work in a gun that fires from a double column mag. Second, if the cartridge feed



The conversion goal is to make a plate for the Ingram (right) that will match that of the S&W (left).



The M76's latching plate (left) is much more complex than the Ingram (right).

angle is more that two or three degrees different between the two mags, the conversion probably won't work unless a massive effort is made to bend, shape, and generally rebuild the mag follower and feed lip shape.

The goal here is to convert a mag from one gun to work in another with as little effort as possible. Keep this in mind, and you'll do OK.

I can't recall what gun the show dealer said the mag was from, something along the lines of a MAC, or one of the Ingram or Cobray products. I did note that it was almost a duplicate to the M76's in external shape, and the feed angle was the same. It held 30-rounds of 9mm cartridges instead of the M76's thirty-six. For \$15 I could take the risk of it being a toss-off if things went wrong.

What makes an Ingram or Cobray mag different from the S&W mag, aside from cartridge capacity? It's in the way the mag locks into the receiver well. The Ingram locks on a little metal plate that's spot-welded onto the top rear surface of the mag. The M76 locks in the same place, but its plate is a piece of cut and stamped steel that does three things at once. First, it properly spaces the distance between the top of the feeding cartridge and the bottom of the bolt face. Second, and most important, it provides the point the well's latching bar locks onto. Third, it acts as a spacer to prevent side-to-side and front to back wobble when the mag is locked into place. When you think about it, that's a lot of work for a little piece of steel to do.

To convert the new mag to fit into my M76, I would have to duplicate this latching plate in almost precise detail, shape,

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and measurement. This seemed a daunting task, but it ended up being relatively simple. I was lucky enough to have a metal shop at my disposal, but I soon learned that, for bead-blasting and hot-bluing, I could do the conversion work in my garage with simple hand tools.

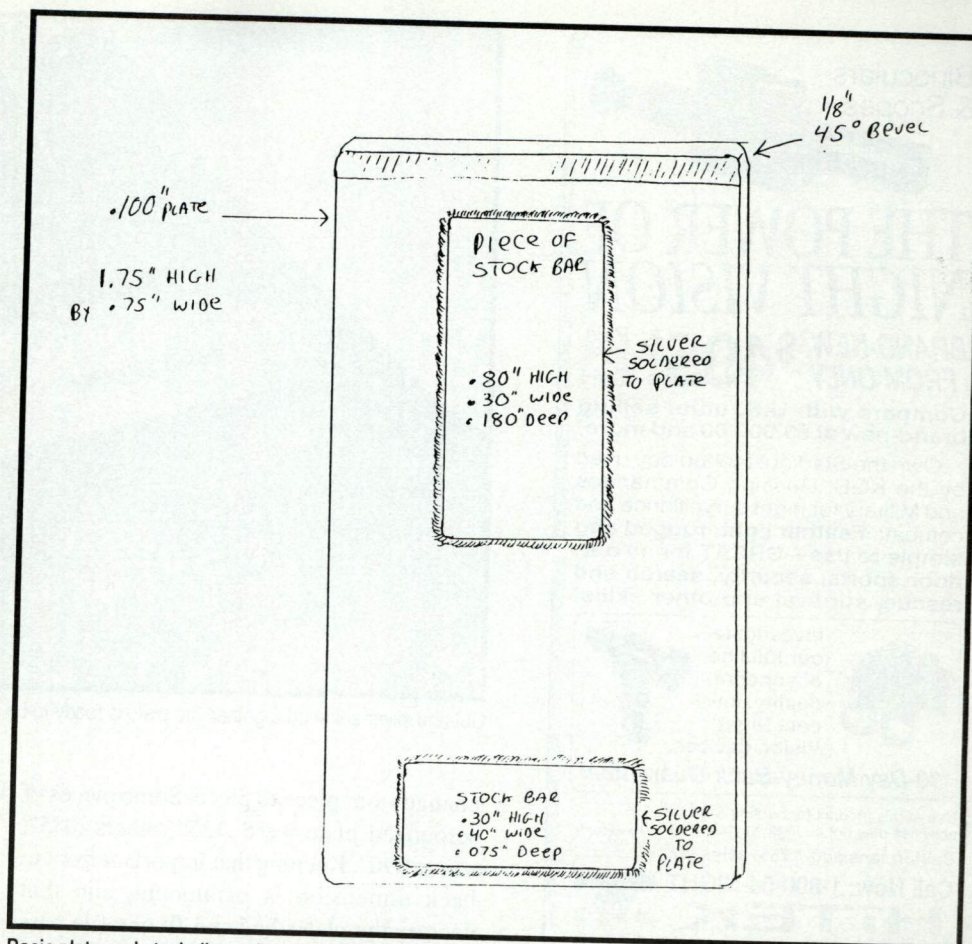
Unlike S&W, I can't have metal cut, stamped, or rolled to custom size and shape, so I had to use what I could scrounge, then grind and file it to fit. As you can see from the line drawing, the "conversion unit" consists of an assembly made from three separate pieces of steel. The base is made from .100" plate, and the two smaller pieces from 1/2" X 1/2" or smaller bar stock. I used a hacksaw to cut the plate to approximate size and shape, cut the two smaller pieces from the bar stock, then soft silver-soldered them all together. The M76's plate is actually .090" thick, but the extra .010" on the new plate didn't make much difference.

I started by using a Burking belt grinder to remove the little spot-welded plate on the new mag. This took only a few seconds to do. (At this time I also removed the thin spacer plate on the front of the mag—I found that the extra .010" on the new piece fully compensated for it.) Bead-blasting the top rear of the mag came next. I assembled the conversion plate, bead-blasted it clean, then placed it on the mag, and soldered it into place with low-temp 440-D solder.

At this point things got interesting—and intense. I had to do three things to ensure full functioning of the converted mag. I had to set the distance between the feeding cartridge and the bottom of the bolt to make for smooth loading, shape the actual locking cut to make sure the locking latch worked, and shape the smaller bit of bar stock to take up wobble. This sounds intricate and serious, but it actually wasn't. It was just tedious and time consuming. My tools consisted of two files, coarse and fine, and a dial micrometer.

Using the coarse file and the dial mike, I carefully filed the larger section of bar stock down until the front to back measurement of the mag matched that of the M76's. This distance is semi-critical, but three or four thousands of an inch over or under won't make much difference—there's that difference between S&W factory mags. Then I adjusted the very critical cartridge to bolt distance. I did this by inserting the converted mag into the mag well, noting the distance between the top of

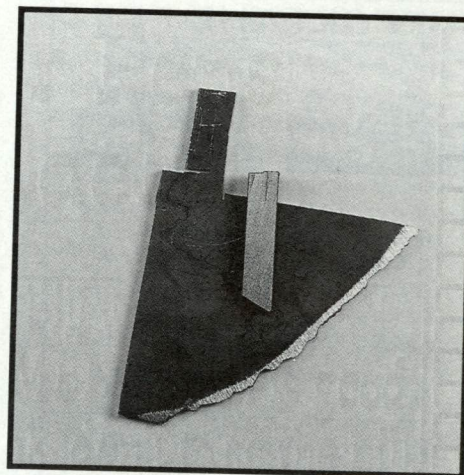
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Basic plate and stock dimensions before hand fitting.

the feed lips and the inside feed lip cuts on the bolt. I wanted to adjust this space so the bolt passed over the lips with just a few hundredths of an inch of spacing. I gave the top of the bar two passes with the coarse file, inserted the mag, checked the space, gave the bar two more passes, checked the space.... When the feed lips got close to the cuts in the bolt, I inserted a dummy cartridge into the mag and let the bolt strip the cartridge out and feed it into the chamber. There was some hesitancy of feeding, but a few passes with the fine file on the bar top cleared it right up. With the feeding distance properly set, I went to work on the actual locking stop. I filed into the bar stock body to make a cut, then began to move the cut up the bar. Every few strokes of the coarse file I'd insert the mag into the well. As long as it didn't lock into place I'd keep filing. When it started to lock, I used the fine file to deepen the cut, radius and clean up all surfaces. Now the mag slid into place with a solid CLICK! sound. The last work was simple, using the rough file to shape the little bit of stock bar used as a spacer to prevent wobble.

With the magazine conversion completed, I test fired the gun, shooting a full

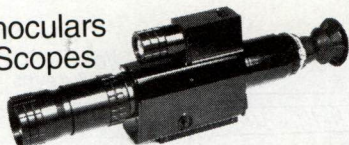


A piece of .100" scrap plate and 1/2" bar stock are all that's needed.

mag in both semi and full auto. There were no feeding or extraction problems. A thorough bead-blasting and hot bluing finished the job.

Now, some clever reader is no doubt wondering why I didn't shape the entire plate before I soldered it onto the magazine. That would seem to be the easiest course of action, but it actually isn't. First of all, no two magazines will have the exact same front to back measurement. Second, the thickness of plate metal and bar stock can

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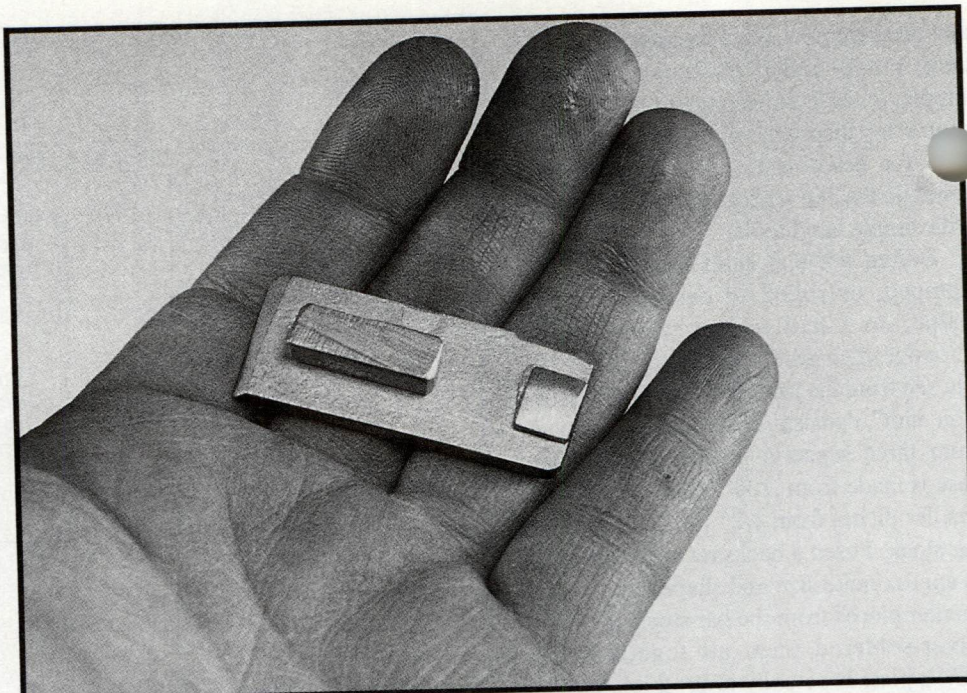
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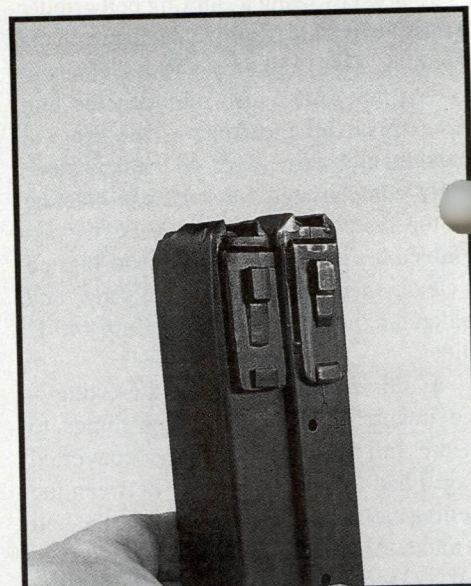


Cut and silver-soldered together, the plate is ready to be soldered to the mag.

change from piece to piece. Some pieces of scrounged plate were .125", others .085", some .090". Keeping that important front to back dimension is paramount, and that decrees the plates be hand-fit one file pass at a time. An hour or two of tedious labor is demanded to make a fully functioning magazine.

So, for just around \$15 and some hours of otherwise open time on my part, I produced a 30-round mag for my M76 that worked as well as a factory-made one. Then I began to wonder if I could convert other mags to fit. I found that I could as long as the external shape was the same, as was the feeding angle. I also discovered that a lot of likely-looking mags wouldn't do. Their shape and feeding designs won't allow them to interchange. Sten mags won't fit in my gun, neither will Uzi mags. This is a shame, as both can be had cheap. Sarco has advertised 40-round mags for "M76/Swedish K" guns for just \$16 each (plus shipping, etc.). These will convert quite well, though an assembly and stiffening "spine" up their backs makes the job a bit more difficult. I've converted seven of these Sarco mags already, and have another four ready to work on.

My converted mags have been assembled with soft solder and silver solder, with steel being used for the plate pieces. No doubt other metals such as brass, tin, or even aluminum and zinc could be used. I think the conversion plate could also be made from hard plastic and held together



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with industrial glues if hot bluing or other fine metal finishes are not required. On one future conversion I'm going to attempt to make the plate out of ironwood. There's little actual stress other than cartridge and magazine weight put on the plate, so I see no reason why non-metallic materials can't be used.

All in all, if you are willing to invest a little cash and a few hours of your time, you can do some at-home metal-smithing and convert a cheap magazine to take the place of a very expensive one.

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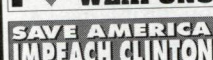
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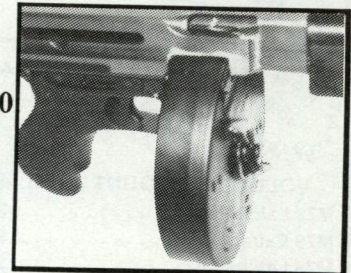
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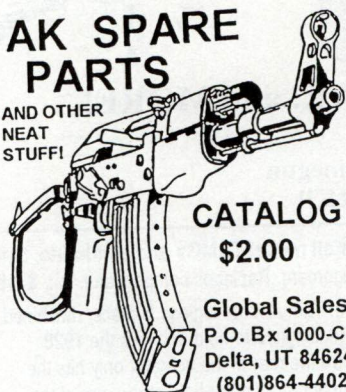
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Now that winter is over, many *MGN* readers will be engaged in competitive shooting activities. Some will spend much of their free time shooting action pistol events (IPSC, steel plates, bowling pins, etc.) while many of us will be using our SMGs to compete in NFA and similar matches. This article is directed toward all shooters, not just competitors, Range Officers (R.O.), Chief Range Officers (C.R.O.) or Match Directors.

Firearms by themselves do not cause accidents. Accidents are caused by the careless or thoughtless acts of people.

The most important parts of a safety program are the quality of the people and the quality of their training.

People selected to be R.O.s should have intelligence and common sense. They should be trained in the safe use of firearms, with expertise applicable to the activity. Specifically, a person with no machine gun experience should not be supervising a MG event without additional training. They must know what is and is not safe.

experience level of the course designers and its instructors are the keys to the success of this type of program.

All on-the-range training should be supervised by an experienced R.O. until trainees demonstrate that they are capable of proceeding without close supervision.

Good range safety programs take time, effort and careful planning if they are to achieve their goal of zero accidents. When planning an overall program, the following elements should be considered:

Repetition: Safety is a habit that can only be developed by repetition. It is unrealistic to expect every action a person performs to be a carefully thought out, conscious act. During brief lapses, often less than a second, only our habits protect us from injury. Good habits are developed only by constant training in performing a task in the correct manner until we reflexively perform that act in a safe manner.

Personal Supervision: The Safety Director at a gun club or the instructor of a safety program can only provide guidelines and

Range Safety

by CARL SILVER

Another consideration in your selection of R.O.s is their personality and maturity. Remember that they are going to be correcting shooters in the heat of competition.

Most shooters are trained to handle firearms in a safe manner. A small minority, however, will never have the proper attitude to become safe shooters, no matter how much they are trained or how well they learn the technical aspects of shooting and marksmanship. People who, through ignorance, carelessness or bravado, follow unsafe practices constitute the greatest threat to range safety. If a person is careless, reckless or unwilling to mend his ways, he should be removed from all contact with firearms.

A new shooter should be trained in the safe handling of firearms before they get involved with competition. There are many NRA courses available that will train a person in the safe use of handguns, rifles and shotguns. When it comes to machine guns, there are fewer options. The first is the excellent NFA Range Officer course. Next are the courses taught by instructors such as Chuck Taylor and Ken Hackathorn. These courses, by design, put more emphasis on practical applications, rather than competition, but are still valuable. The last option may be the best solution for many clubs: "home-grown" safety courses that cover the necessary material. The training and

general direction to a range safety program. The major responsibility for the success of a range safety program depends on the attitude of the Chief Range Officer or Match Director who is in constant contact with the Range Officers. This contact with the R.O.s should be directed toward preventative action. Corrective action is always the result of an accident or near miss. Corrective action is good but preventative action is much better.

R.O. Meetings: Shooter briefings and Range Officers' meetings are usually held at the beginning of any competition or shoot. The rules are explained and any questions are answered, but it is not these large meetings that are critical. During the competition or shoot, the R.O.s and C.R.O. should have frequent brief meetings to "compare notes." The purpose of these smaller meetings is for the R.O.s to share any safety problems they have observed and corrected.

During a match, the R.O.s are often participants in the competition. What frequently happens is that the Chief Range Officer winds up with a rotating crew of Range Officers. The problem is the safety problem corrected by one "shift" R.O.s may not be communicated to the next "shift." An example of a preventable accident follows:

The event was a SMG bowling pin

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competition. As described above, the R.O.s were also competitors. At the beginning of the match, one of the competitors (shooter "A"), firing a homebrew PDW (SP89 with a trigger sear, aftermarket stock & vertical front sight) was observed wrapping the index finger of his support hand around the front tab of the vertical front. (The purpose of this tab is to keep your fingers BEHIND it and away from the muzzle.) Shooter "A" was warned to keep his finger away from the muzzle by R.O. "B."

A little later, it was time for "A" to shoot again. This time, R.O. "C" admonished Shooter "A" for his errant index finger. Later still, it was Shooter "A's" turn again. This time R.O. "D" warned him about his grip on the front stock. (Do we see a trend developing here?)

Much later, it was "A's" turn again. This time R.O. "E" was tired and didn't notice the partially covered muzzle. The good news was that it was only a flesh wound, but it was **TOTALLY AVOIDABLE!**

If R.O.'s "B," "C," "D," or "E" had spoken to each other or the C.R.O. they would not have each thought that the safety violation was happening for the first time. If there had been some conversation, at the time of the second incident, shooter "A" would have been disqualified (D.Q.'d) from further competition for the day.

Advertising: At a match or shoot the safety rules and regulations should be clearly posted. All participants should receive a copy of the range and match rules.

Safety rules must be explained to all R.O.s regarding the reasons WHY each rule exists. The rules must be enforced without exceptions. Disciplinary action must be taken on an equal basis. Conversely, outstanding contributions and performance in safety should be recognized and rewarded in a manner that will display the emphasis and importance attached to safety.

Very few shooting accidents are caused by lack of knowledge or experience. They are more frequently the result of a mental attitude that does not put safety before every other consideration.

Rules, regulations and even the most alert C.R.O. can't prevent accidents. Only the proper attitude toward safety by every shooter and R.O. will prevent accidents. Safety is the individual responsibility of every person for their personal safety and the safety of their associates.

With the present political climate, we can't afford ANY accidents. The negative publicity can lead to the closing of shooting ranges and club bans on machine gun usage.

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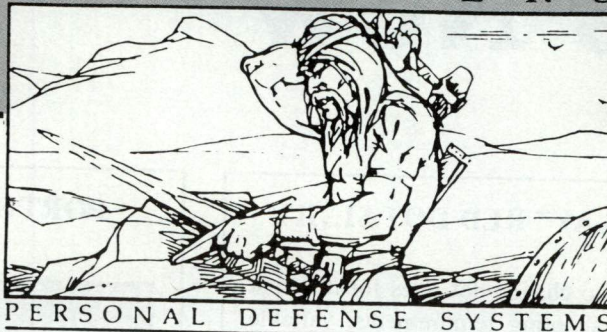
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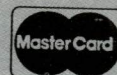
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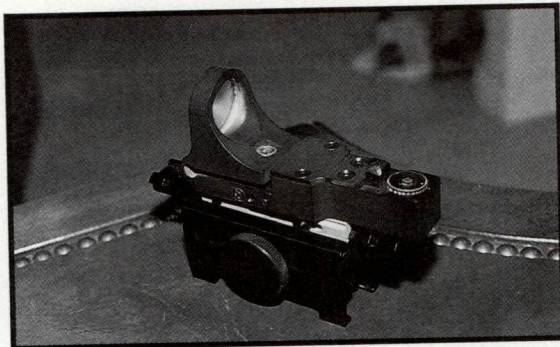


What's New

by CHRIS A. CHOAT

MORE "HEADS UP DISPLAY" RED DOT SIGHT

A radically new red dot sight is now available for a wide variety of firearms. The new sight offers a unique "heads up" display



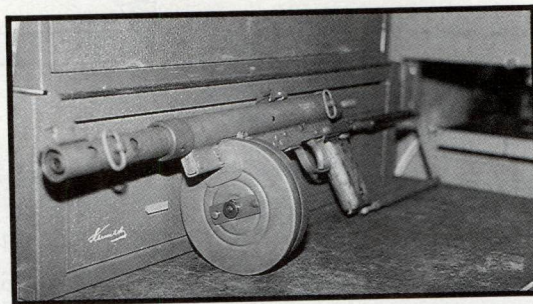
play with no tubes, battery compartments or adjustment knobs to limit the shooters field of view. The sight is called the C-MORE sight and is offered in several mounting systems that will allow it to be used on most firearms. Other features include plug in "dot" modules that allow the user

to change dot sizes for different shooting requirements, variable dot intensity, rugged construction and a weight of just over 3 ounces

(depending on the model). The sight is available in several models including one that has a folding display that allows the handgun that it is mounted on to be holstered normally. The display

flips up automatically, ready for use, when the gun is withdrawn from the holster. For more information on this innovative new sight system contact, C-MORE Systems, Dept. MGN, 7806 Sudley Road, Suite 200, Manassas, VA 22110. Phone: 1-703-361-2663.

PORT SAID/GUSTAV DRUMS



A 71-round drum is now available for the Port Said/Gustav submachine guns. The drums are produced by SI-BAR CO. and are made from modified PPsh 41 drums. Every part of the original drum but two receives modification. The drums will fit the Port Said/Gustav "A" model guns without any gun modification. To use the drums in "B" model guns the user need only remove the magazine well "restrictor". The PPsh 41 drums are noted for their reliability and robustness and are the "icing on the cake" for these great subguns. SI-BAR CO is offering the modification to customer drums only at this time. For more information contact, SI-BAR CO., Dept. MGN, P.O. Box 1555, Martinsville, IN 46151. Phone: 1-317-342-9689.

.50 CALIBER BOLT ACTION RIFLE

American Arms and Ordnance, Inc. has just introduced their new Model 2000 .50 Caliber bolt action repeating rifle. The new rifle features an aircraft quality 4340 steel receiver with a 30 inch, 1 in 15 twist, button rifled, chrome vanadium moly barrel.

The guns fiberglass stock has steel reinforcing recoil plates both front and rear and is designed to absorb recoil. A fully adjustable, detachable heavy duty steel bipod is also included. The bolt features 45 degree angle locking lugs and an enclosed claw type extractor. The guns lock time is a mere 190 milliseconds. The bolt handle is machined integrally with the bolt body for added strength. The gun uses a five round box magazine with a single lever operation for removal and two magazines are supplied with each gun. The guns' finish is Melonite which gives a matte black finish that is very slick and

rust resistant. The entire gun weighs 28 pounds less scope. For more info contact, American Arms & Ordnance, Inc. (AAO), Dept. MGN, 1303 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 2691, Byran, TX 77805. Phone: 1-409-822-4983.



MP-5, PDW AND MP-5K LASERS

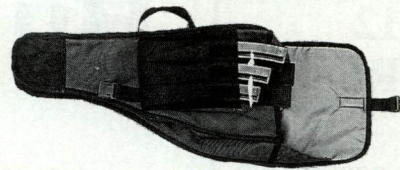


Two new lasers are now available for the MP-5/94 and the PDW/MP-5K/SP-89 series of firearms. They are being produced by S.K. Industries makers of the original LAW-17 laser system for the Glock handgun line. The two new lasers are designated the MP-5 LAW-17 and the SK-89 (for the PDW and the SP-89). The laser module itself fits in the front of the host firearms cocking tube. Installation is accomplished by first removing the cocking tube front cap and substituting the laser module for it. The laser is then locked in place by an allen head cap screw threaded through the cocking tube caps detent hole. Both lasers come with integral forearms (wide for the MP-5 and vertical foregrip for the MP-5K) that house the pressure switch to activate the laser. The lasers are rechargeable and the batteries are charged by plugging a 9-volt battery into them via charging ports located on the bottom of the forearms. Both models are available in 5mW 670 nm (visible red), 3mW 635nm (visible in daylight), 5mW 760nm (near infra-red) and 30 mW 830 nm (high power for infra-red use with night vision). The MP-5 LAW 17 can also be fitted to the Laser Products Tactical Lighted Forearms.

For more information on these new lasers contact S.K. Industries, Dept. MGN, 1370 N, Dynamics #F, Anaheim, CA 92806. Phone: 1-714-961-1190. Fax: 1-714-961-8865.

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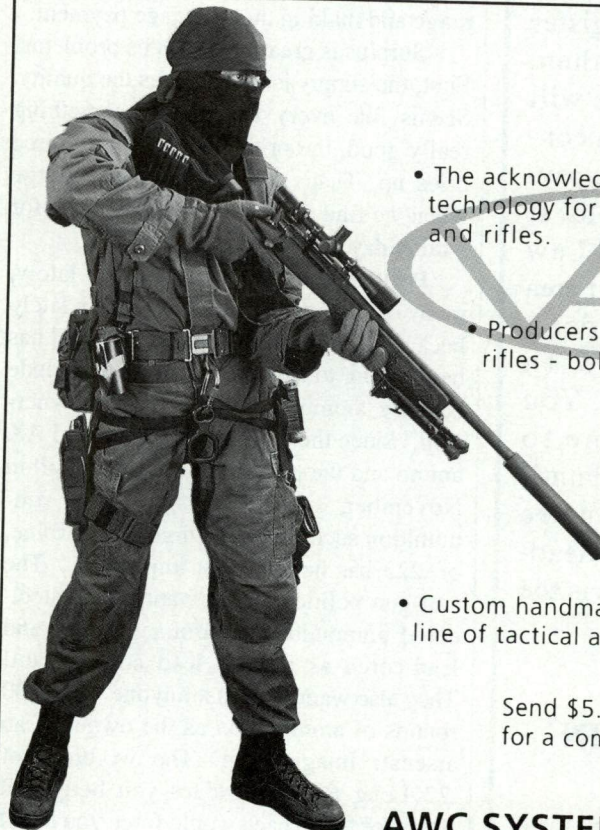
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STRIKER STREETSWEEPER USAS-12 OWNERS

We 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 "non-sporting," 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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The Ammo Bunker

by **DUTCH HILLENBURG**

Reloading: A Cost-Saver and A Necessity

Hey, let's face it. Machine guns are great but they go through ammo like cops go through donuts. *I used to be a cop so I can say that!* Some of what follows has been printed here before but it bears repeating. Reliable ammunition is damned expensive. Have you priced commercial ammo lately? You go to K-Mart but I doubt you'll find any blue-light specials on .45 ACP. They want **twenty bucks** a box for that stuff even if it ain't hollow-point. Most of us have long since adopted the use of military surplus ammunition so we don't have to choose between an afternoon at the range and making the mortgage payment.

Surplus is great but it has its problems. First, the supply is as erratic as the quality. Seems like every time I find something really good, the price triples or the source dries up. That's why most of us splurge when we find a good thing and hoard it for a rainy day.

Politics being what they are lately, many of us have been hoarding extra lately because the "politically correct" crowd has been trying to expand its efforts to include banning ammunition imports and ownership. Since the banning of steel-cored AK ammo and the passage of the Brady Bill in November, simply *finding* popular ammunition such as 7.62x39mm, .30 Carbine, or .223 has been almost impossible. The anti-gun political hacks want to ban steel-cored ammunition as armor piercing and lead-cored as a toxic lead contaminant! They also want to license anyone with 1000 rounds of ammunition as the owner of an arsenal. Imagine that! The two bricks of .22 Long Rifle cartridges you bought at Sears for \$9.95 each would force you to get a \$300 a year license, if you could get past the zoning board! These efforts are smoke screens for their real goals of making

firearms useless by drying up the ammo supply.

NBC's *Dateline* recently tried to link one of the nation's biggest ammunition importers, **China Sports**, with an alleged Communist Chinese spy ring. I wish I was making this up! *Dateline* has been known for its yellow journalism ever since they faked those pickup truck gas tank explosions a couple years back. This sort of anti-gun propaganda, thinly disguised as journalism, could make the already strained ammunition market even worse.

This leaves us with reloading not only as a cost-saver but a growing necessity in the face of insufficient supply and growing political pressures to limit or halt imports of inexpensive ammunition. I spoke with several active reloaders and they suggested the following. First, buy primers in bulk. The primer is the heart of the reloading process. If you don't have primers you are pretty much screwed no matter how much reloading equipment you might have. As I've said before, I hate reloading but I find myself stocking up on reloading supplies, particularly primers. Second, get quality equipment. When it comes to reloading equipment and supplies, you keep hearing the same thing over and over again: **D-I-L-L-O-N**. Last year, the Ammo Bunker did a review of the Dillon 550B Reloading Press and we found it to be a delight to use and remarkably well designed. I recommend it very highly. Dillon is the only choice with many serious reloaders.

If you are going to reload, there are some items you should have beyond the basic press and reloading components. You need the following accessories:

1. *Powder Scale —To double check your powder charge.*

The Forms

by DAN SHEA

We're starting a new year at *MGN*, our eighth. It's no great milestone, but I feel kind of good about it. We've come a long way, and, I believe, have served our readers well. It's hard for me to believe how far down the ladder our rights have been driven by the Anti-Second Amendment Rights fanatics. I am also proud of all of you out there and how hard you have fought for our rights. Keep the faith and keep your powder dry. We have battles ahead. Please put your efforts into the State Rallies on 2 July. We at *MGN* will be there. Count on it. I hope that I can continue to shed light on the various laws and changes we are being forced to endure. It has been an honor for me to have served you guys, and I will continue to try.

A quick MAK-90 update. I have seen a letter from the NFA telling a Class 2 manufacturer that he cannot keep the MAK-90 that he registered as a machine gun because it already had the sear position hole when he received it. It was one of the contraband guns. ATF is doing a door to door pick up on all of the guns that haven't been turned in. Make sure that you get into compliance.

Q I am a Type 01 FFL dealer (not Class 3) and will be relocating to another state in a few more months. I have not secured employment in the new state nor have I visited to seek a new home. I am retired military, therefore my household effects may be temporarily stored at government expense until I am settled and then shipped to me.

I plan to travel with my SMG. I have your *Machine Gun Dealers Bible* and am aware of submitting a Form 5320 to ATF several weeks prior to moving. My question is what constitutes a legal address (in block 7) for the ultimate destination. Could I visit the new state simply to open a bank account in advance and at the same time rent a large safe deposit box to use as my address?

P.S. My local stocking dealer is Class 3 licensed. I will be transferring my regular firearms to him that he can later ship to me, but my SMG?

Mike L.

A If you are moving to the state where you get the safe deposit box, it would be a legitimate address. I would recommend calling NFA Branch and clearing it so that they know what you are doing. Then it can't be mistaken for something else. Your Class 3 dealer can't take your firearm unless it is legally transferred to him.

Q As stated in the April 1994 issue of *Machine Gun News*, an FFL holder that publicly or privately makes statements about revolution is breaking the law. Is there a case number or a regulation I could read in regards to this?

F. W.

A Actually I have been corrected. It is illegal for any American citizen to advocate the violent overthrow of the government, not just a gun dealer. It's called insurrection, and it's covered under Article 1 sec. 8 of the Constitution.

Q I have had a storefront firearms business for the last three years, recently evolving into the Title II business. I enjoy your column in the *Machine Gun News*, and highly respect your advice on an issue that is bothering me. Remember that I am new to the Title II area of business.

Recently I purchased a purported Post-86 Heckler and Koch MP5A3 for use as a sales sample. I obtained the required police letterhead and have already set up three demos.

Upon arrival of the MP5A3 I noted the following:

a. This is an early MP5, imported before HK even set up shop in this country, as the firearm is clearly stamped "excl. for SACO", on the right side of the magazine well. I believe that the firearm was imported by Security Arms Company.

b. The MP5 bears a date on it's upper of "12/72."

c. The MP5 also bears an engraving of "S.D. CO #161161," indicating it had been in a police arsenal.

d. The Form 3 shows in the approval area, in large capital letters, "LIMITED TO USE AS SALES SAMPLE."

e. I have other Post '86 firearms and their approval stamps all show "RESTRICTED REGISTRATION - pos-

session limited to continued compliance with provision of Public Law 99-308."

I have tried to contact NFA several times and I only get transferred to a phone that no one answers!

Is this a keeper, or is this a real Post '86 firearm?

Roger P.

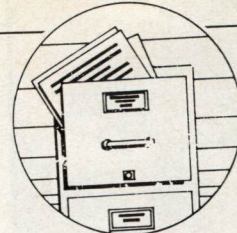
A You lucky dog, you. That is a Pre-86 gun. Get it verified by writing a letter to NFA and requesting the transfer status. It takes one of the Specialists to check the actual Registry, so it takes time. Or, if you want, send me a copy of the form and next time I'm checking something, I'll run it through.

Q I recently purchased a Federal 1.5"/37mm tear gas launcher model (riot gun) from my local police dept. in a sealed bid. I figured it would make a nice wall hanger — not knowing the condition or even what it looked like when I placed my bid. What I got was a great surprise — walnut stock with metal finish about 98%, heavy duty construction similar in design to a M79 launcher only finished much better.

My questions are: will modern 37mm flares and report shells as sold by CMP, Inc. Pg. 7 April *MGN*, be safe to shoot? And since this has a 12" smoothbore barrel — could I use a 37mm to 12ga. adapter and fire 12ga. ammo legally or would it then be considered a short barreled shotgun? It is in it's original condition as manufactured so, if it was considered a short barreled shotgun then it would or should be considered by ATF as Any Other Weapon and only require a \$5.00 transfer fee to legally fire with 12ga. ammo, right? I am confused, do I need to worry about ownership of this?

Brent W.

A Those old 37mm gas guns are neat. I have had Federals and Smith and Wessons. There was a "Practice" kit firing inert projectiles using a small charge of FFF black powder. These non-firearms are sturdily built, perhaps overbuilt for what they need to be. I have no problem shooting those CMP projectiles, but to be honest, some of the new manufacture LAUNCHERS make me nervous. The sheet metal receivers tend to give under pressure. I'm



careful what I explode next to my face.

The 37mm to 12ga. adapter is illegal to have in conjunction with a 37mm gas launcher, unless it is registered as a Destructive Device. It does not constitute a Short Barreled Shotgun or Any Other Weapon. The bore is over 1/2" in diameter, and the Secretary will not call these "Sporting" purpose. The \$200 tax applies.

Q Yet another great issue. Keep up the good work. I just finished reading your April 1994 issue, and I had mixed reactions; fear, anger, and confusion. Fear over how simply and quietly the Striker/USAS-12 shotguns were reclassified as DDs, anger over the fact that the government could do this with impunity, and confusion over what a DD really is. You quoted from the Red Book:

"Any type of weapon by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosion or other propellant, the barrel or barrels of which have a bore of more than one-half inch diameter, except a shotgun or shotgun shell which the Secretary or his delegate finds is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes."

By definition, the Striker/USAS-12 shotguns should not fall into this category since they are SHOTGUNS!!! How our government can consider a shotgun to be in the same league as a 75mm artillery piece is beyond me. And what about the M203 clones, the 37mm flare guns that strap under an AR-15/M16? They seem to meet the criteria from the Red Book. If a 12ga. is now a destructive device, but a flare gun is not, what is it that constitutes a flare gun? Are flare guns legal or not? What is a flare gun? What about a Manville gas gun?

J.R.

A It is the "sporting purpose" and "which the Secretary or his delegate finds" that cause the problem. You are hung up on the fact that it is a 12ga. shotgun, when it is who decides the purpose that matters.

Gas guns are not firearms as regards Title I or II of the GCA 1968 unless there is a common caliber with a fixed cartridge firearm (Title I) or an explosive round manufactured for it (Title II). A 53mm mortar would not need to be registered unless it was an HE round, but a 60mm would. Could you make a 115mm mortar and not have to register it? As long as there is not an explosive round for it. Fixed projectiles constitute a DD, so if you made a 128mm



GUN LEGISLATION YES or NO



The recent legislation proposed by our Federal Government Officials has caused widespread concern for the constitutional rights of all Americans. A newly passed Senate Bill would make possession of feed devices in excess of ten (10) rounds illegal. It would also ban ownership of semi-automatic firearms. The House of Representatives has not yet voted on this bill.

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rifled cannon firing a fixed projectile, the cannon would be a DD. If you make it 128mm and black powder with no fixed charge, not a DD. Get the idea?

Q A recent phone conversation between myself and my local ATF inspector the other day concerned me enough to drop you a line on what was discussed. I'm a Type 1 FFL holder and am going to discontinue my business so I called my local inspector to get assistance on where to send my bound-book, forms, etc. to. This particular inspector was going out of his way to be helpful, and during the course of our conversation, I asked him what they did with all these old forms, and if they just let them pile up in a warehouse somewhere. He "volunteered" to me that the information is being put on microfiche for helping establish a "paper trail" for tracking of firearms used in crime. I thought this was illegal per the Gun Control Act of 1968, and considering myself a reasonable law-abiding citizen of the United States, my common sense tells me I'd better at least keep a copy of my bound-book entries for any possible future reference if any guns I sold ever get traced back to me. What do you think?

S.R.B

A It is illegal for ATF to create a firearms registry and track gun owners. Every instance of this should be reported to the NRA. Call your Congressman. And-keep total records of every transaction. The burden of proof is on the government regarding your paperwork, but always CYA.

Q I purchased a NORINCO NHM-91 at a gun show. It was in the pre-ban configuration (no thumbhole). I questioned the dealer if this was a pre-ban weapon and legal. He stated that it does not have "sporter" on the receiver and this is how he received it. I requested and he did put a note on the receipt "This is a NHM-91 with pistol grip and stock." Do I have a pre-ban or do I have a problem? Is this something the ATF has been going after?

D.G.

A A problem. The model #91 means 1991, which is a thumbhole stock model. You are not allowed to make a thumbhole stock gun into a standard stock. ATF is actively looking for these firearms in compliance checks and at shows.

Q First, I would like to thank your entire staff for putting together such a fine magazine. The HK issue was one of my best Christmas presents.

I am writing this letter to tell you about my experiences with purchasing Title II weapons.

I purchased my first full-auto from a dealer in my home town in 1992. He seemed like an RKL, so I trusted him.

At the same time I purchased the gun, he introduced me to your magazine, and soon after I became a subscriber.

After reading my first few issues, I decided to purchase *The Machine Gun Dealers Bible*.

That's when the trouble started.

I read the *Dealers Bible* cover to cover, trying to absorb as much information as possible. I learned many important things, such as: I was supposed to fill out a 4473 when I took possession of the gun, and that the gun had to be registered in the state in which I live (Virginia).

The dealer did not tell me either of these things.

I confronted him with this, and after showing him my *Dealers Bible*, he had me fill out the 4473. He wanted to keep my *Dealers Bible* and read it, but I was scared I wouldn't get it back. I told him to buy his own. (I don't know how many other people he sold weapons to, but I hope he got them all straightened out. I do know, however, that he was later busted by ATF and FBI on a number of violations.)

I then called the Virginia State Police and told them my situation. They were very understanding and they registered the gun without any hassle. (In Virginia, the state registration must be done within 24 hours of taking possession of the gun. Mine was six months to the day.)

That was in March of 1993.

Just last month, I became the proud parent of a TR870 (12ga. AOW) from Scattergun Technologies (nice gun). I called the state police the next morning and asked if this too needed to be state registered. The person I spoke with said that she didn't know but Mrs. Nichols (her supervisor) would. I heard her ask someone else in the office "aren't they illegal?" She said to call back Monday.

I called Monday and Mrs. Nichols wasn't in. I spoke with a man who said "If you want to register it, you can use the machine gun form".

At this point I decided I really needed to speak with Mrs. Nichols. Finally, on Wednesday, I talked with her. She said only full auto's need to be registered. SBS's, AOW's, suppressors, and sears do not.

I guess the moral of this story is that if you are a dealer, make sure you know what you're doing before you go into business; and if you're an individual, (here comes the gratuitous plug) buy the *Machine Dealers Bible*. It saved my ass!

I would like to ask that in your *MGDB* update, could you list what kind of weapons (machine guns, AOW's, etc.) need to be registered in what states, and whom to contact to do so. I only see nine states listed in the *Dealers Bible* requiring state permit or registration, and I think it would be beneficial to your readers.

Thanks,

Ben

A Knowledge is power, and safety, in this business. If I told you that I knew everything and had always done everything 100% right, I'd be lying. What inspired this column and the *MGDB* was the frustration of trying to comply with the myriad of regulations, and finding out later that some obscure regulation that is only used when ATF wants to prosecute someone makes something illegal. Keep your eyes open at all times. If you willfully break the law it's one thing, but remember that you can be prosecuted even when you weren't aware of the violation.

Q Thanks for such a great magazine, I enjoy every issue. But there's one problem, being a California resident I can't enjoy any of these toys, or can I? Any possibilities to own an 81mm or 60mm Mortar? How about a Lahti or similar large bore item? If so, do I need a Destructive Device license, and how hard are they to get? Or should I just move?

Keep up the good work
Dave

A Basically, without the Destructive Device FFL, you can only own a registered de-wat, or a completely destroyed piece.

Q I'm a Type I FFL holder and won a registered M16 which was transferred to me via Form 4, \$200 tax stamp, etc. a couple of years ago. I've decided to sell this weapon to my father who is a non-FFL holder (individual) who lives in the same state as I do. I've been told the way I can transfer this weapon to him without a Class III dealer is to get the fingerprints, picture, law enforcement signature, and \$200 tax paid on a Form 4, and then transfer the directly to him after approval by ATF. Once this is accomplished, do I need to have him fill out a 4473 and make the entry in my bound book to close the deal? Anything else

I might have left out?
Sincerely,
S.R.B.

As an FFL holder but not a Class 3 dealer, you are not really "dealing" with a firearm, you are an individual transferring a personal firearm. You shouldn't have to, but the ATF is requiring that FFL sole proprietors sign in their interstate Form 4 acquisitions, then sign them out to themselves. I would say that you should sign it in your bound book, then have your father complete a Form 4473 when the Form 4 comes in approved.

Q I made a WWI Sopwith Camel and have two Colt Vickers aircraft MGs on it. No barrels and no internal parts. Have Form 4467 of November 13, 1968 with serial no. A170X and Form 5 of Jan. 4, 1968 with serial no. A126X. They are under machine gun (unserviceable). Do I need to cut out the right side plate? Or anything? If so just how much do I cut out?

Thank you
R. C.

A These are supposed to be de-watted according to what is on the 4467. If it doesn't state how it's de-watted, you should be alright, as long as you can't just install the parts to make it operate. Maybe brazing a barrel in place. Don't cut the sideplate.

Q I have a suppressed Thompson Contender barrel. It is .22 LR, and 10 inches, of course, I have the NFA paperwork. Does it matter if it's already an NFA firearm if I put a full stock on it, or will I be in trouble for having a short barreled rifle? I have a small gun shop and thank you for writing the bible. It should be mandatory reading for all FFL holders. I wish I had read it the two years I was in business prior to getting involved with the NFA stuff.

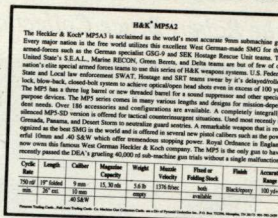
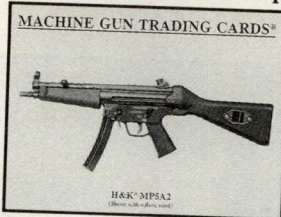
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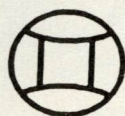
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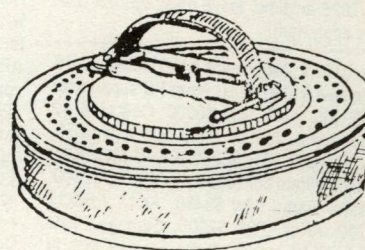
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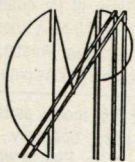
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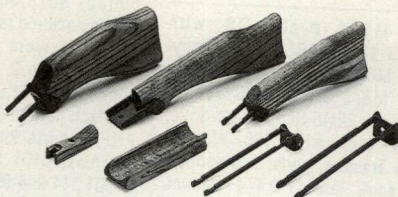
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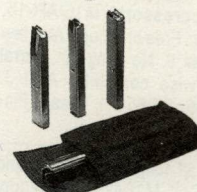
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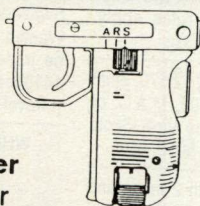
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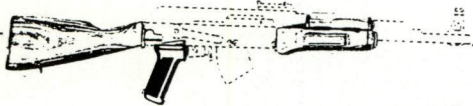
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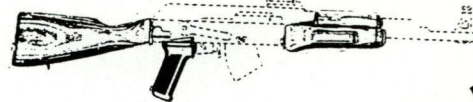
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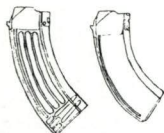
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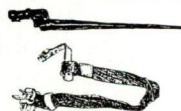
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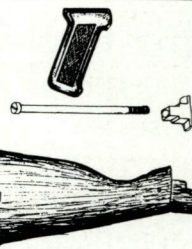
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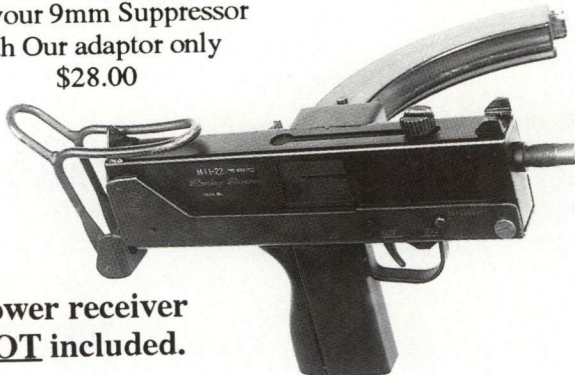
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