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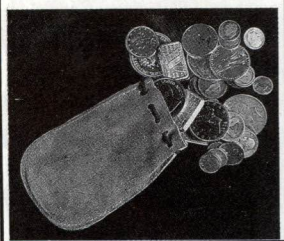
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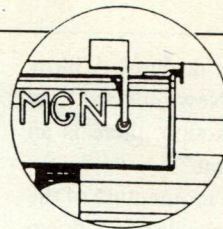
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ANSWERS WANTED

Just when you think you have seen the stupidest gun-ban law passed, some bone-head politician will come up with another.

Meet Richard "Dick" Phalen, Cook County Board President. It's now illegal in Cook County to own any of those assault weapons that the politicians have never seen, touched, or fired. They know for a fact that this is the drive-by shooters weapon of choice.

Ask the police, they will say different. I have a hard time being convinced that a convicted criminal will shell out \$2,500.00 on a SAR 48 that he is too dumb to operate or maintain. A couple hundred gets that cheaply made handgun, the weapon that is really most often used.

It now costs a FFL dealer \$500.00 a year for a Cook County firearms dealer license. You cannot sell most semi-auto rifles, or handguns. On the forms they sent to me to apply for this worthless license it mentioned three separate times how to go about surrendering your FFL and contraband weapons. Lake County, Illinois is a mile away, at least I didn't have far to move.

On Feb. 08, NBC Dateline aired a program that showed taxpayer dollars paying drug addicts and alcoholics to apply their trade. ATF does not have the funds to allow

Wayne Miller to come and speak at Knob Creek. I guess the unemployed drunks and crack-heads are more important than law-abiding gun owners that need some answers from a person that would be able to give them. If Mr. Miller wants to come to Knob Creek to talk to us, maybe we should ask him what the trip will cost. We should then all pitch in to help pay his way. Our government is trying to put us all out of business. It is time to stick together and get straight answers from anyone qualified to give them.

John Jacobson

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Peter G.

MACHINE GUN CAMERA

Each time I pick up an issue of MGN I am struck by the realization of what a huge void was filled when you began publishing a forum for the machine gun fraternity. Every column and article is a gem. I salute you and thank you.

An offshoot of my interest in machine

guns is the collecting of cameras used as aids in training military personnel to shoot down enemy planes. These cameras, to varying degrees, are constructed to resemble machine guns and have the usual grips, triggers, sights, and mountings. The object is to supply the trainee with a cross hair superimposed photographic image depicting where his sights (and potentially his bullets) were in relation to the plane at the time that he pulled the trigger. There is little information on these camera guns and how they were used.

My purpose in writing is to encourage readers who have a camera, literature or personal knowledge of their use to contact me and aid me in fleshing out a historical record of this subject.

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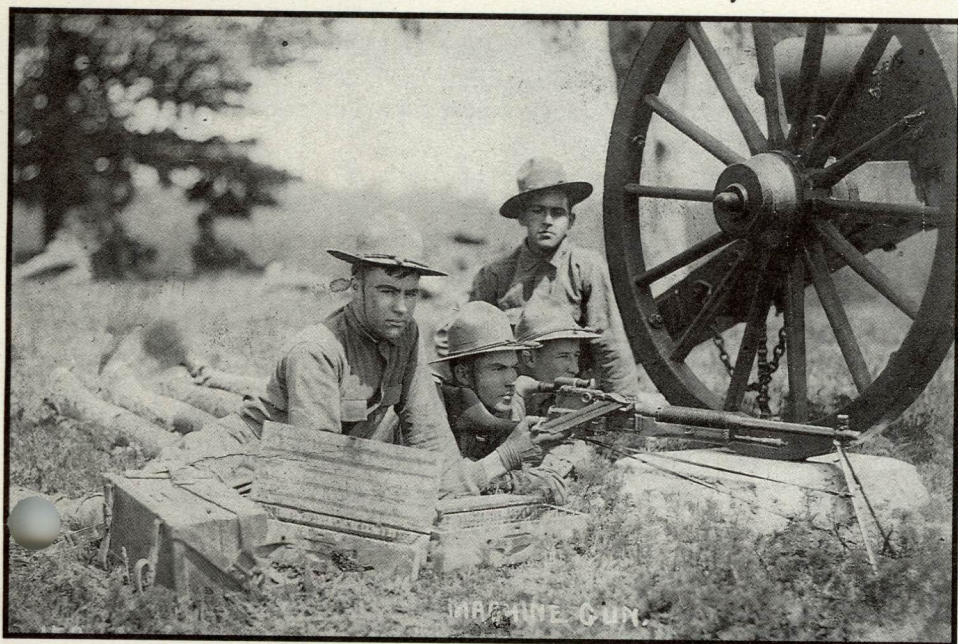
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CRACKED RECEIVERS

The following input is submitted relative to Jim Klodzinski's four part series on Thompson Cracked Receivers.

I applaud Jim's acknowledgement that his after market parts may be partially responsible for the problems, and the limited corrective action he has taken. The articles, however, do not leave the impression that he fully comprehends the firing dynamics involved and why the lightened bolt assemblies and/or "hot" ammunition can be so detrimental to the Thompson frames.

The Thompson models of 1921, 1928, M1 and M1A1 are essentially "blow back" designs, notwithstanding claims of blish



Pre WWI postcard from Ft. Benning, Georgia showing a Benet Mercie. Courtesy of Steve Hyde.

lock magic in the earlier designs. A blow back action operates on Newton's 3rd Law of Physics; "For every action, there is an equal but opposite reaction."

In simplest terms, the momentum of the projectile and powder gas headed down range is balanced by an equal momentum of the firearm driven back into the shooter. The mass of the spring resisted, sliding bolt assembly temporarily stores a portion of the momentum until it is transferred to the firearm.

Upon firing, the bolt's impact momentum (bolt mass multiplied by its velocity) is equal to the ejecta momentum (the ejecta momentum is usually considered to be the sum of bullet mass plus one half the powder charge, multiplied by the bullet velocity).

Velocity is a key factor in the matter. Bolt velocity can easily be calculated if the bolt mass, bullet mass, powder charge and bullet velocity are known. Suffice it to say, if the bolt mass is cut in half, its recoil velocity will be doubled upon firing. Sure, you can increase the cyclic rate by decreasing bolt weight, thereby increasing bolt recoil velocity, but why risk damaging your receiver?

"Hot" ammunition will also increase bolt recoil velocity by an amount propor-

tional to the increase in bullet velocity. The less time the bolt spends traveling back and forth, the higher the cyclic rate.

I do not understand the craving for higher cyclic rates in Thompsons. Full automatic is akin to sex in that most folks consider the longer it lasts, the better it is!

It is possible to load safe and reliable ammunition for the Thompsons that positively will not damage the receiver, bolt, or actuator, other than frictional wear, regardless of the number of rounds fired.

For reasons unknown to me, the Thompson bolts have two sear engagement notches. Most normal and all "hot" ammunition will drive the bolt back far enough to engage the "forward" notch, after slamming the bolt into the back of the receiver at the end of the bolt travel.

One can reduce the bolt slamming to a kiss, or even to the point of not quite reaching the receiver end, by simply down loading ammunition. Reduce the powder charge, incrementally by 0.1 grains, until between 30% and 50% of the rounds, when fired on semi-auto, cause the sear to engage the "rear" bolt notch.

The two notches are about 5/8" apart. The one engaged can be determined by observing the position of the actuator knob.

When the sear engages the "forward" notch, the bolt and actuator knob are held back at the most rearward position in the receiver.

During the process of down loading, observe how the cyclic rate decreases. Those without sophisticated equipment can utilize a stop watch to time the expenditure of full magazines, fired on full auto.

Down loading can be overdone! If the bolt momentum is insufficient for the sear to engage the rear bolt notch, the gun can "run away" and fire until the magazine is depleted, even though the trigger has been released. Another equally serious problem with excessively low velocity ammunition is a bullet that fails to exit the bore. Gas pressure alone is sometimes sufficient to operate the action, sending another bullet into the blockage, and another, etc.

Some speed freaks might still ponder why a higher force recoil spring wouldn't offset the increased bolt velocity resulting from a lightened bolt or "Hot" ammo. It will, to a degree, but then you may pay the price on the front end.

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the forward cycle. The 1928's fiber washer cushions the blow on the rearward motion while the cartridge case accomplishes a similar function on the forward cycle. Do not freely release a Thompson bolt on an empty chamber, or you will incur accumulative damage that can eventually cause problems.

I suspect some of the cracked receivers on the 1928 Thompsons may be the result of a missing or damaged fiber washer. The washer acts to cushion the impact as well as to spread the force over a larger area of the receiver end.

I have had good results with modified 1" diameter neoprene washers available at some plumbing shops. Thickness should be close to that of the original fiber washers.

Concerning springs, their manufacturers and design engineers rate spring strength by the force required to strain the spring one inch. Attempting to rate spring strength by length can be misleading.

While it is intuitively plausible that full auto fire might somehow be more damaging to the action than semi-auto fire, that assumption is not supported by facts. Each shot is completely independent of the one before or after it, relative to the rate of fire potential mechanical damage.

Barrel heat is another matter. Each successive round fired, without sufficient time for heat dissipation, can lead to a variety of problems if the barrel temperature is allowed to become too high.

I do not concur with Jim's failure analysis. He reports that of the known failures, only four tenths of one percent of the West Hurley 1928 receivers have cracked. Yet one half of the failed receivers, to date, had his parts installed! Those statistics overwhelmingly infer that receiver longevity is likely to be improved by sticking with stock parts in your Thompsons.

In fairness however, his sampling plan may be biased. High volume shooters, not collectors or purists, are drawn to after market gimmicks. And just maybe the speed addicts have a greater penchant to load "hot" ammunition than the serious shooter who is more interested in the sensual and esoteric aspects of firing the classic Thompson submachine guns.

Kenneth A.

JIM'S REPLY:

- 1) The articles warned against using hot ammo as a cracked receiver preventive.
- 2) Lightened bolts: Kenneth A. has overlooked that Gunmachines lightened 28

bolts are for use with 28 actuators. The weight of a lightened 28 bolt/actuator/lock is about the same as a 21 bolt/actuator/lock. It's use allows the 28 to cycle at the rate of a 21, 800 to 900 rpms, subjecting the rear of a 28 receiver to no more stress than a 21 set-up. He neglects that if you lessen the bolt mass to increase cycle rate you also have less mass hitting the receiver.

3) The articles did not state that Gunmachines parts were partially responsible for cracked receivers; but that some of the cracked receivers had Gunmachines parts in them and some didn't, indicating other factors at play which basically are: a) the 28 rear receiver design is not as strong as it could have been; b) shooting beyond the design life; c) using hot ammo; and d) shooting full-magazine-bursts instead of short bursts. 28s, particularly AOs, are just plain being shot more than the rear of the 28 receiver's design was envisioned to handle. The problem rarely occurs, yet is simple to correct by welding.

4) The downloading ammo idea ignores the realities of reloading, and runs a big risk of having "runaways" and bullets lodged in the barrel, as he notes. I can't speak for others who reload, but I don't believe it's practically possible to achieve what Kenneth A. says without risking serious damage. It is much easier to deal with a cracked receiver than a burst barrel.

5) As to why two notches on the bottom of the bolt, I will leave for a future article.

6) I take issue with Kenneth A.'s labeling of aftermarket parts as "gimmicks." Understanding the bolt cycling of a 28 in relation to the stock pilot, it would have been better, when the 21 was modified into a 28, that a part similar to the Gunmachines Telescoping Pilot had been utilized.

7) As to comments about "serious" and "purists" shooters vs. "speed addicts" I will leave to the readers, except to say, someone wanting a 28 to cycle as a 21, even if accomplished by a lightened 28 bolt, seem rather "purist" to me.

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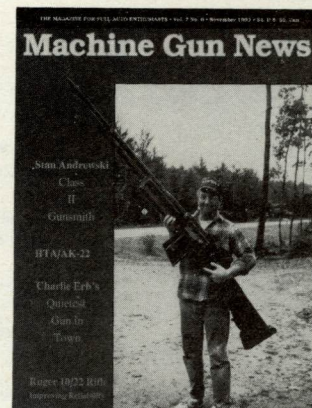
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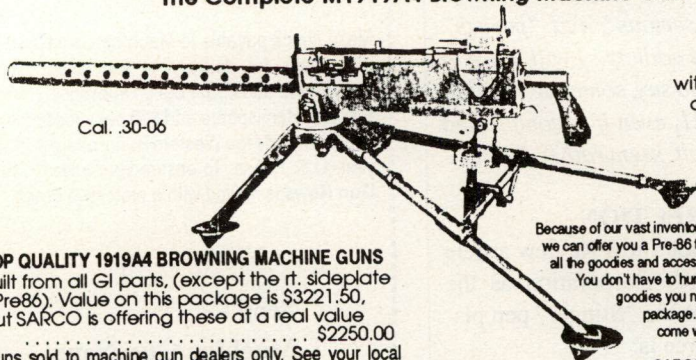


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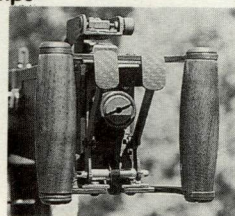
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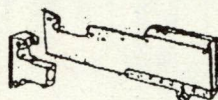


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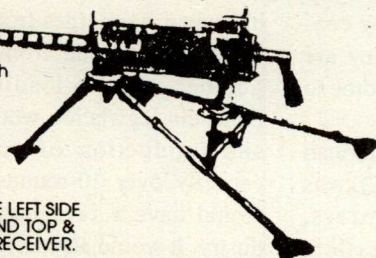
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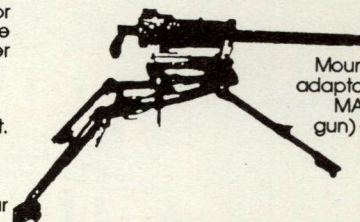
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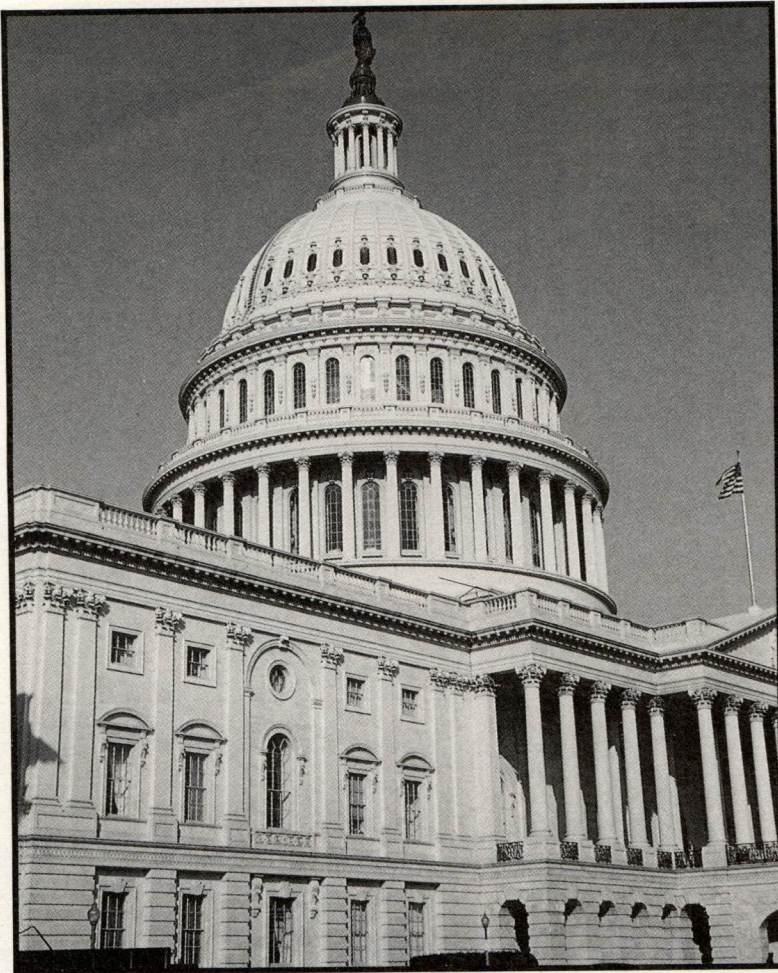
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Since the start of the anti-gun hysteria in America in the mid-1960's, it has largely been individuals, working primarily through the National Rifle Association, who have financed the efforts to preserve the right to keep and bear arms. Manufacturers made some contributions, through sponsorship of events and other things, but they stayed mostly in the background allowing individual gun enthusiasts to pay for most of the efforts to preserve access to firearms. However, the situation is changing. So grave has the menace become from the anti-gun nuts, that the firearms industry realizes that their very existence is imperiled.

With the introduction of legislation to repeal the Second Amendment, proposals

for a national ban on handguns, the passage of the so-called "Brady Bill" and now the current mania to outlaw long guns by confusing the public into believing they are full-auto firearms, the industry has come to realize it can no longer remain idle.

About five years ago, the American Shooting Sports Council (ASSC) was formed to bring manufacturers, wholesalers, importers and retailers together to work for a common cause—the preservation of their industry. ASSC has grown steadily in size since its inception and is now a registered lobbying organization in both the U.S. House and Senate.

In early February, ASSC held its second annual "Industry Fly-In" to Washington D.C. The centerpiece of this year's effort

was to lobby against the Feinstein amendment's inclusion in the final crime bill when it emerges from a House/Senate conference. Aside from banning a large number of auto-loading firearms, the Feinstein legislation would ban future sale and production of magazines with a capacity over 10-rounds. This legislation would have a ravaging effect on the industry. It would also have a crippling effect on owners of machine guns.

Once your 15 and 30 round mags and 50 and 100 round drums wear out, all could be bought as a replacement would a 10-rounder. Better start practicing up on your quick magazine change drills.

This year's ASSC meeting began with a seminar on the subject of giving interviews

to the media. Led by a former journalist, the participants were given insight regarding how the news-gathering process is done and how to present their firm's side of the story so that it hopefully will get fair treatment.

The following morning, participants were bused to the Capitol where an all day lobbying effort was begun. These were no professional lobbyists, but rather the presidents, CEO's and other top management people from firms such as Heckler & Koch, Colt's Manufacturing, Smith & Wesson, O.F. Mossberg, High Standard Mfg. Co. and Para-Ordnance. Meetings were held with Congressmen and or their legislative aides, during which the firearms execs told of the economic consequences to their firms if the Feinstein amendment becomes law.

Following what all hoped will prove to be a successful lobbying effort, ASSC members enjoyed a Congressional wild game dinner in which several distinguished speakers and guests participated. Foremost among them was House Judiciary Chairman Jack Brooks (D-TX) who promised to prevent the Feinstein amendment's inclusion in the final version of the crime bill.

Congressman Bill Brewster (D-OK), the recipient of the 1994 ASSC Congressional Leader of the Year Award, called for greater public education about firearms to stem the tide of anti-gun laws. As an example, he said many members of Congress represent inner-city areas, such as the area in New York City which Charles E. Schumer (a high-profile anti-gunner) represents. Brewster theorized, "Ninety percent

of Schumer's people never fired a gun and have no idea of what a gun is all about. The other ten percent who have them, are probably out robbing places and shooting people. But the other ninety percent, all they know is what they see on TV. So, when someone says something about gun control, they think that is the answer."

BATF Update

"A closer working relationship between the BATF and the firearms industry" was called for by Terry L. Cates, chief, Firearms and Explosive Division, BATF. He said his agency and the firearms industry have not had a close working relationship in the past. He called the firearms industry one which is composed of people trying to make a living, whose business is somewhat under siege. The alcohol beverage industry (of which Cates was chief regulator before transferring to the firearms division), has the same problem, he said. "They have a product that is enjoyable, but if taken to excess gets them and society into trouble. ATF has worked with the alcoholic beverage industry for the past 56 years. We don't agree on everything but we talk on a continuing basis. Where we find a problem in which we can both work towards a common solution, that's what we do. We are simply going to have to get along in order to survive," Cates explained.

In regard to other matters, Cates said his agency planned to suspend the importation of semi-auto Egyptian Maadi rifles due to "technical problems." (Author's note: there are industry rumors of ATF confiscating MAK-90 rifles from retailers on the grounds that the guns were converted to



ASSC members gathered on Capitol Hill to begin the lobbying effort.

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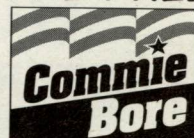
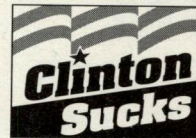
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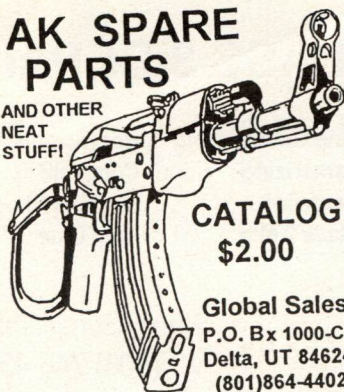
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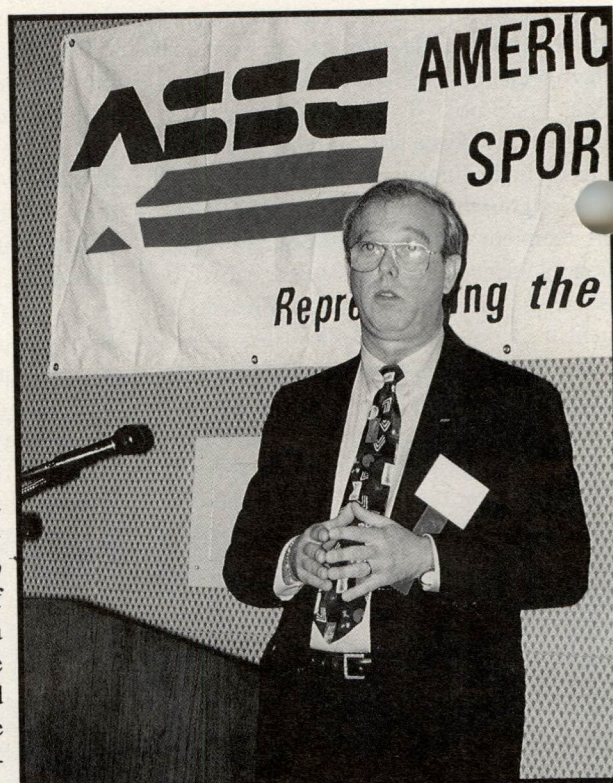
Other Speakers

Congressman Steven Schiff (R-NM), who was presented with the Connecticut Valley Firearms Freedom Award by ASSC, told the gathering, "Gun control is a political goat, not a law enforcement goal." He recited numerous examples of how gun control proposals, when subjected to analysis, can be shown to be ineffective in fighting crime, not cost effective and have as their true intent, the disarming of law abiding citizens. The way to defeat these types of laws, Schiff said, is to ask how these proposals will aid law enforcement. "That is the last thing the supporters want to explain," he advised.

Former U.S. Attorney General William Barr, in an address, called criminal justice reform the key to solving the violent crime problem, not gun control. He dismissed the argument that America is too punitive. "The chances of going to prison if you commit a crime in America are the same as in the United Kingdom and Canada. The reason we have more people in prison is because we have a lot more people committing crime. If you commit a crime, your chance of going to prison and the time spent in prison are one quarter of what they were in 1950. So if we were punitive in 1950, I say bring back punitive," Barr declared. He questioned the sincerity of the Clinton Administration, which he said has instructed U.S. Attorneys not to "throw the book" at violent felons while at the same time pushing for gun control.



Congressman Steven Schiff is awarded with ASSC's Connecticut River Valley Firearms Freedom Award.



Terry L. Cates, chief, Firearms and Explosives Division, ATF, called for a closer working relationship between his agency and the firearms industry.

Other ASSC activities planned for the spring include firearms familiarization courses for Congress and members of media. It is hoped that once they become aware of how much fun it is to shoot, they will think more positively of guns in the future. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

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Utahns Rally for Gun Rights

Despite inclement weather, some 1200 supporters attended a Pro Gun Rights Rally at the State Capitol Saturday, February 19. The attendees, from across the state, expressed their concerns over laws aimed at severely limiting the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

The rally, sponsored by the Utah Shooting Sports Council and endorsed by the NRA, began on a patriotic note, complete with flag ceremony and National Anthem. "Where does the power in this society belong?" asked Scott Engen, Executive Director of USSC. "With the people!" was the resounding reply. Engen urged the people to become politically active, register to vote, and attend party caucuses state-wide. "We are going to win this fight, not with bullets, not with bombs, but with ballots," said Engen.

Retired New York City police officer,

Tom Santise, explained how gun registration and buy back programs do not work. "I'll show you 20 or 30 streets in New York City where you can buy a handgun any time you want," he said. This is in spite of some of the strictest gun control laws in the country. In the one square mile precinct, where Santise served, 87 murders were committed in one year. "Not one of those murders was committed by a registered gun owner. Not one was committed by a law-abiding citizen," he said.

Representative Michael Waddoups, R-Salt Lake City, spoke briefly about House Bill 157 which he sponsored. That legislation would mandate state-wide firearms laws, and prevent cities and counties from creating a patchwork of conflicting gun control laws. "This issue needs to be addressed on the state and national level, not on the local level," Waddoups said. House

Bill 157 has cleared the House and is now in the Senate.

Diane Rackiewicz, a licensed firearms dealer, urged women not to fear guns out of ignorance. Rackiewicz trains women to be comfortable with firearms and focuses on self defense. "Women Need Handguns," read one sign from the rally floor. Signs such as "China Has Gun Control," "Hitler Did It First," and "Crime Control Not Gun Control" were abundant, as supporters tried to get their message across to lawmakers.

The rally generated numerous phone calls to organizers with offers of help and requests for information. In response, USSC will be holding political action workshops to teach individuals how to become more effective in defending their firearms rights, by working within the political process. For more information, call (801) 544-9125. MGN

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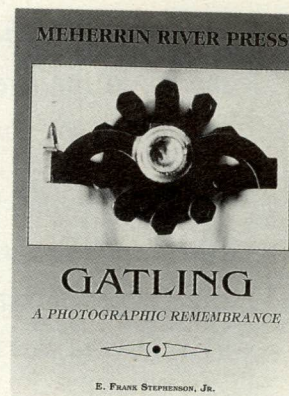
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THE RESOLUTION OF 1994

WHEREAS; The government of the United States has recently taken to restricting and violating the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms;

ALSO; The several States have been passing laws restricting, and violating the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms;

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, 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.

In Peace through Strength and Truth,

The Committee of 1776



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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.

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.

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.

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 NRA and Gun Owners of America, the Second Amendment Foundation and all other groups are asked to lend their organizing powers to this endeavor.

If you value your Freedom, as your life, please help us to stand tall, and send our wake-up message to the American People and their public servants.

More information may be had by contacting the Gun Owners of America, at (800) 466-0200. This is a grassroots effort, and the Gun Owners of America have been kind enough to help. They can tell you who to contact in your State.

May God and the Spirit of American Freedom go with you as you embark on this, our most important "Call to Arms."

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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Raffica

by DAN SHEA

If you wish the sympathy of the broad masses, then you must tell them the crudest and most stupid things.

Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

If you are interested in where the doublespeak and disinformation comes from in the Anti-Second Amendment camp, read the above quote several times, and ponder it. Hitler was one of the heroes of the Socialization crowd until WWII broke out. He still has his apologists on the Right and the Left—who agree with his gun control policies and may not even be aware of it!

I urge you all to call the 800 number that the Gun Owners of America has donated to the use of the Committee of 1776. Get involved in organizing the rallies in your state. Even if we win some small victories now, it is necessary to push the Anti-American Socialists to the wall.

On The Plains of Hesitation lie the blackened bones of countless millions, who, at the dawn of victory, sat down to rest, and resting, died.

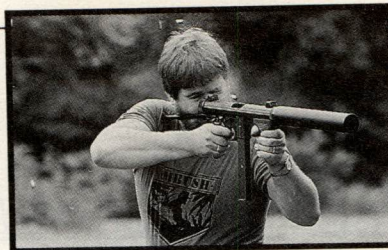
Enough said.

We have a late entry in the "Mystery Photo" from two issues ago. It came in the day of the publishing deadline, but I think it is of interest to all Rafficarians when one of the Brotherhood (Personhood? Rafficahood?) honors us with his presence....

Hello Dan: Referencing your "mystery photo" for the month of March. I know what it is. It's pictured on a brochure dated 1970 from my "historical" files of early H&K products. We have one remaining sample of this item here with the last surviving VP70M.



Mystery photo. Send your answers to Raffica at MGN.



A copy of this brochure is attached for your reading pleasure. I thought you and your readers might appreciate the scoop. Notice it doesn't differentiate between the semi-auto only VP70Z and the select-fire VP70M as the Z model hadn't become available at the time this brochure was printed. The VP70 is still alive (kind of). A quantity of new VP70Z's in 9 x 21mm have surfaced overseas and we may import them for sale.

Knowing what your mystery items are, I've come to realize with this month's photo, is totally dependent on how many uncommon things you've been exposed to over the years. Past mystery items remained a mystery to me up until the time the next issue arrived on my door step. I'm glad I finally got one right. You know where to send my attaboy award.

Speaking of mystery items, remember our correspondence on the MP5/10 and Fleming MP5-45? I'll soon be sending you some interesting information pertaining to an MP5 in .45 ACP that you and your readers will find most interesting.

Heard about Frank James's comprehensive book on the MP5 yet? It will either be called "Working Parts Forward" or "Project 64". He's finishing up the draft and hoping to put it into print within the next twelve months. He has had somewhat unlimited access to the pattern room at HK GmbH in Oberndorf and the engineers who helped create the MP5 family of SMG's. To my knowledge he is the first and only writer to have such access. It will not only be a historical work but also a user's bible and should be the most factually accurate work of its kind available on the subject. The photography will also be top notch as well. Thought you might like to know.

Anyway, keep up the great work with MGN and keep hammering away at the anti-gunners. Lord knows we all need some help.

Regards,
Jim Schatz
Heckler and Koch

Jim, who already has the RKI

title, just received a National Attaboy from the Rafficarians. I still don't know exactly what he DOES at HK, but he gets all kinds of neat titles and has access to most of the weird stuff and old info. An enviable position to say the least. I am looking forward to hearing this info about the MP-45, which has been the subject of an on-going discussion between Jim and I.

Having been a Frank James fan for many years, I am eagerly awaiting the MP5 book. Frank is an occasional contributor to MGN, nothing recently because of his European efforts. If your out there reading this, Frank, make sure MGN gets some of the pre-release copies—and congrats on the coup of getting into the "inside" of HK—a monumental feat!

Just got in some info on the "Dirty Harry" take-down:

Dan: Reference the letter from Mike D. about the take-down rifle used in "Dirty Harry," I remember reading at the time a movie came out that this gun was a "sporter" made up from a WWII Japanese Arisaka Type 99 rifle. The Japanese introduced a take-down version (for paratrooper use?) of their standard infantry rifle in 1942. The barrel featured an interrupted thread, and was secured by a cross-bolt locking pin.

Regular Type 99's are fairly common, but the take-down variety is pretty rare, and the reader may have a difficult time locating one.

Several years ago, I picked up literature at the SHOT Show from a company that would give the take-down treatment to a customer's gun, and for a reasonable price, but I can't find their brochure, and I don't remember the name. Maybe someone else can help there.

Ken C.

Q I have long enjoyed your column, and the attached magazine. You have greatly increased my knowledge of automatic weapons.

I finally have a question that you not answered, part of which may not be suitable for your column. For several issues I have seen an ad for 1919A4 Browning LMGs from Ohio Ordnance Works of

Chardon, Ohio. I currently have a Post-86 M60 (I'm a Class 3 dealer) and due to the probability that ATF will try to run us parts out of business, I would like to get a good belt-fed, Pre-86 or transferable, that I would keep. Unfortunately, the M60s that meet those criteria are quite expensive, much more than the 1919A4s. My questions revolve around two issues, and are as follows:

1. What do you think of the 1919A4 as a shooter? Are they maintainable with parts available? Are they difficult to configure? I was trained on '60s in the Army, but not on 1919A4s. 2. What do you think of the products of Ohio Ordnance? Are they safe, and are they worth the money?

Thank you very much for your time. Please keep up the good work, and I would appreciate that this be private correspondence, unless you wish to eliminate any reference to me personally, either by initials or location.

Name Withheld

A I have had numerous 1919A4's from Ohio Ordnance, all have worked perfectly. I have the same experience with DLO guns and original Ramo's that had the plate extension problem attended to. Ohio Ordnance has built their 1919's on Group Industries' registered sideplates, as well as Ramo's. DLO used only their own plates. I strongly suggest that if you cannot find or afford an original 1919, you consider these "shop-built" machine guns, as opposed to "basement" built guns.

Do I recommend a 1919A4? Without any hesitation. John Browning's belt fed is simple, rugged and reliable. It has served in military operations since the end of WWI, and is still in use in various armies around the world. An FN-Mag might be a better choice today, but they are generally unavailable to the American public. Most other beltfeeds rule themselves out because of lack of spare parts or high cost. The U.S. shooter is left with a practical choice between the M60 and the 1919A4, as you have found out. The 1919 is a little awkward to carry, but the parts are readily available, and they are easy to work on. For you hosers out there, you can put a serious 1000 round burst through a 1919, where an M60 would have to be finely tuned and readjusted for. You can convert your 1919 between .30-06, .308, and 8mm, which is another major plus—make a good buy on ammo, and switch to your new caliber. An M60 is .308 only. 1919's cost about half of

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what M60's do; that can be a plus....

Q Who makes the quietest Ruger MKII suppressed pistol these days? There are so many on the market I'm totally confused. I like Sound Technology's Silver Ghost, but have never seen your magazine do any testing on his unit. It would be interesting to have a comparison between Sound Technology, Blaylock's, AWC, R&R, JR Customs, etc., etc.

SRB

A I know you—you're the guy who keeps getting me in trouble with all the manufacturers. Well, we don't work for them. We work for the readers. I did get to try an interesting MKII suppressed recently. It was manufactured by Curtis Higgins of S&H Arms of Oklahoma fame, (918) 272-9894). He had a rack of about 20 on his table at last October's Knob Creek. They were blued, and well made. I borrowed one to play with, and it was extremely quiet, accurate, and I recommend dealers give it a try. I suppose it's time to announce the issue we're working on...a full view of all the suppressors in the industry. It will be similar to the HK issue we just did, only *MGN*'s own Al Paulson is going to do comparative tests of each manufacturer's MKII pistol. There is more to this question than meets the eye. Quiet is not the only issue. There are several aspects of "noise" that Al will compare, as well as bullet energy, accuracy, workmanship, and serviceability. We'll include that S&H unit in the testing. I hope Al doesn't go overboard and administer his infamous "wet test!" All interested Raf-ficians should write or fax *MGN* so that we can address their questions and preferred manufacturers.

Q I have just gotten into the Class 3 weapons: namely one Colt M16A1. The question I have is: Does anyone make a reliable .22 cal. conversion kit for M16s that works in full-auto? Please advise me what types of conversions are available and what a fair price might be. Also, who might I contact to purchase one?

A.L. Drew D.

A Jon Ciener's "Atchisson" .22 kit has a long history of working in select fire. It is guaranteed to work in Colt M16s, but may need fitting in aftermarket guns. The retail is \$159, and you can contact Ciener at 407-868-2200.

Q What's the difference between the Model "A" Uzi full size carbine and the Mini-Uzi? Is there a Model "A" or "B" for mini? I see no marking of "A" or "B" on my Mini-Uzi. Also, is there a *MGN* Bible II

coming out soon? Thanks!!

Jan C.

A We've been through the differences on the Uzi semi carbines recently. There is only one model of the Mini-Uzi in commercial production by Action Arms. It is physically smaller than an Uzi carbine, and has a side folding stock. It fires from a closed bolt, select fire. The barrel has built-in compensator slots, which helps in control because the cyclic rate is so much higher, 1500 for the Mini as opposed to 600 for the carbine. My tests with a PACT MKIII timer showed 1650 rpm with 147gr FMJ. That's high speed. Some of the Mini-Uzi's that were converted with registered bolts are open bolt, and lose some accuracy. It is my opinion that, in the hands of a trained professional, the closed bolt Mini-Uzi is a superior firearm to either the Uzi carbine or the Micro-Uzi. For the basic soldier or shooter, the Uzi carbine is an excellent choice. Even seasoned pros look at the Micro-Uzi as a bullet hose that is liable to be a problem in almost any circumstance.

Q I think *MGN* and especially the "Raffica" section are outstanding in every way. I know what you're thinking. "What, no complaints?" Well, maybe one, and that's a symptom of "excessive operator headspace." I want *MGN* to be a weekly magazine but, alas....

Oh well, the reasons I'm writing are as follows:

1. Why have I not seen any articles on a M-79/M-203 competitive shooting course at Knob Creek or anywhere else? I'd love to attend and try for a grenadiers trophy (I know you would, too!)

2. What are the legal restrictions, if any, on M-407 series practice rounds, what about shipping requirements?

3. I've seen in M-203 manuals warnings against firing 37mm ammo, but what's the scoop on shooting it in M-79's?

4. Does anyone make a folding stock for M-79's? I was thinking of something like a Zytel pistol grip with an upside-down (inverted?) Galil AR side-folder stock attached. Maybe Chris Choat & J.R. Customs should talk, huh? I know I'd buy one and so would some other "gun nut."

MGN is as close to full auto that I can get in my state so keep us residents of the "controlled zones" drooling. Destructive Devices will just have to suffice, I guess. Keep up the good work!

Yours in anticipation,

Uncle Sam's misguided child

A The main reason for a lack of grenadier

competition is related to lack of ammo. The practice rounds are in short supply, with the government trying to ensure that the manufacturers can't sell to the public. There is a lot of government paper being thrown around about the inert practice rounds being DD's themselves. That, as far as I can determine, is not based in fact. They are powered by a .38 blank. Some of the blanks may have had several grains of mortar powder in them. Because the outside diameter of the projectile is over 1/2 inch, the regulations regarding explosives shipping may not be superseded as they are for regular small arms ammunition. That would mean these are Class C explosives. I don't see it, but I don't write or enforce the regs. The next pertinent question is where did the ammo come from? Is it stolen military? This is all a very gray area. The M-407 series practice grenades are not. They have a spin-armed fuse, and an explosive spotter charge that has a danger radius of 20 meters. These are definitely restricted explosives. Firing 37mm projos out of a 40mm is dumb. The bases are different, and the diameter is such that you are radically changing the pressures—hopefully reducing them, but can you count on it? I figure that the custom shops will take the hit on the folding stock—I'll be happy to test one.

Q I was an armorer with the Marines in Desert Storm and got to handle various weapons from flare guns to 14.5mm anti-aircraft. The enclosed photo is a typical assortment my company captured and then destroyed (AARGH!) The USMC wouldn't let us weld them up as DEWATS or even keep a bayonet! My, how times have changed.

Repeal the 1934 & 1968 Acts!

Sgt. Baron T. Lundberg/2111

A I am not sure if your rallying cry will catch on, but we hopefully have the spirit. Amazing the change in the military, isn't it? Fifty years ago, soldiers were EXPECTED to collect trophies from the battlefield. Now you're supposed to be an automaton and not care about mementos. Another blight on the Noble Profession of Arms.

Q Please separate the fact from the fiction. Is there a real primer shortage or not? Is it true that Remington and Winchester are going to produce primers with a two year shelf life. I am seeing a great deal of gouging going on in this part of the country. A computer bulletin board had a note from a CCI employee saying there is no real shortage. What is the truth? I also hear Federal is getting ready to pull the Hydra-

Shock hollow points off the market.

Concerned,
Russell D.

There is a primer shortage because everyone is buying them and stashing them, plain and simple. There are some Reasonably Ignorant Individuals who have gotten some chemist to tell them that yes, primers could be made to deteriorate quickly. It is very expensive, and a real stupid idea, but that hasn't stopped this crowd before, has it? My new book on the long term storage of ammunition goes into primer storage for those who are buying this stuff up. I know of no company that is planning to change formulas to a quickly degenerating primer composition, but I DO know that the Clintonista's are pressuring manufacturers and importers at every level to get rid of whatever the daily bugaboo is. Be advised.

Q Concerning the last question in the March issue of *MGN* on a "knee mortar" practice round. BANZAI is the "*MGN*" for Japanese militaria collectors with approximately 430 subscribers. Each year we hold a Japanese weapons "shoot-out" in northeast Alabama about 30 miles south of Chattanooga, TN. We fire weapons ranging from the matchlock, Muratas, Arisakas, Nambu machine guns/submachine guns, and a Type 10 and 89 grenade discharger ("knee mortar" to common folk). Vince DiNardi made the round we shoot and reuse.

He borrowed one of my original rounds and turned a copy from a bearing plastic (Delrin [spelling?]). In discussing this with him he noted that a bearing plastic termed "UHMW" would work. The attached diagram gives the "particulars" for the round we use.

We shoot over a semi-cleared field holding the mortar at a high angle. The round tumbles. A couple of "BANZAItes" at the far end of the field retrieve the round and run it back to the mortar. We have used the same round for about five years.

This years "shoot-out" will be the last weekend in May. If any "*MGN*'ers" would be interested in attending they would be welcomed. They can call me for information, (205) 556-0086.

P.S. A year or so back someone asked about converting a 7.7 Japanese Tank machine gun to another caliber for cheaper shooting. The chamber could be opened to .30.06 and a .308 insert installed. The Japanese mag will handle the .308 rounds and shooting costs drop dramatically.

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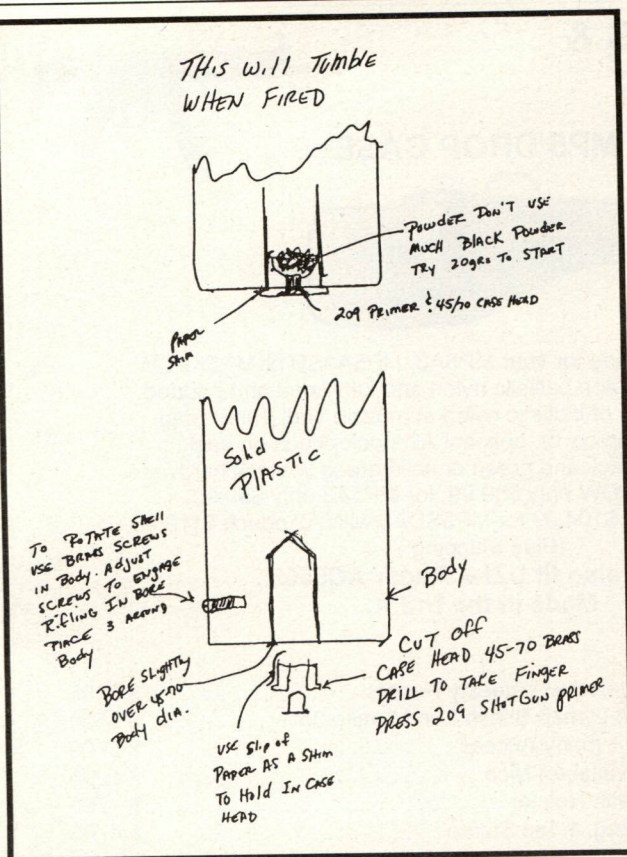
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the Military Rifle Journal.

Q In answer to the question about a practice round for Jap "knee" mortars in the March '94 MGN, I have come up with a usable round although it is a bit labor intensive, (a labor of love) and requires access to a lathe.

For the shell body I use 1 1/2 inch PVC plumbing pipe and fittings. You need two caps and a piece of pipe exactly long enough to bottom in each cap as the edges of the caps come together when installed on the pipe. I square the open edges of the caps before making this measurement. It varies with different manufacturers but you can control it by how much material you remove when facing the caps. If you can get caps with rounded ends, these look best, especially for the front one, but flat ends will work all right.

Chuck the cap for the base of the shell body in the lathe and drill and tap the center to 3/8 inch NPT (National Pipe Thread). This gives you a way to mount the body in the lathe for turning and also serves to mount the motor later. Using the PVC primer and cement, glue the two caps onto the piece of pipe. Do a good job because the caps get very thin when turned to the proper diameter. When the glue is dry, thread a 3/8" pipe nipple into the bottom cap and

chuck the nipple in the lathe. Turn the O.D. of the body to 1.960 inch. I find it necessary to use a live center on the nose cap to steady it. This completes the shell body.

For the motor, I use brass 3/8" male NPT x 3/8" (ID) flare adapters. Some manufacturers will call them 3/8" x 1/2" (OD) flare adapters depending on if they are made for the plumbing trade or for air conditioning. Chuck the body only of the fitting in the lathe by the wrench flats with the flare end out. Run a 15/32" drill bit into the fitting to a depth of .80 inch. Remove the fitting from the lathe and drill a 3/16" hole in the center of each wrench flat. This is the gas path from the motor to the mortar tube. It is also necessary to seal the hole in

the other end of the fitting to prevent gas from entering the shell body. On some manufacturer's fittings you can tap the hole 1/4" NPT and screw a pipe plug in it. Others are too large and you have to go to an appropriate machine thread size and plug it with a set screw. Now chuck the flare nut into the lathe by the wrench flats with the female threads facing into the chuck. Face off the nut to within .050" of where the hole in it starts to get bigger to accept the flare. This allows the firing pin access to the primer.

For the propelling charge, trim a .44 Rem. Mag. case to .80" OAL and press a large rifle primer into it. This holds 7 grains of military surplus blank powder, which is what I use, but you could probably get similar results with Bullseye. I seal the case by pressing a .44 cal. gas check into the mouth. If you drill the motor body to 1/2" instead of 15/32", you can use a shortened 7.62x54R case for greater powder capacity. This also prevents the potential problem of the hole in some flare nuts being too large to reliably retain some brands of .44 mag. cases in the motor body.

Fill the case body with sand to get enough weight for pressure to build up, screw the motor body into the shell body, insert the cartridge into the motor body, screw the flare nut onto the motor body to retain the propelling cartridge and you're

all set to bloop. Of course, since it's completely unstabilized, like the original Type 91 grenade, it tumbles and the range is only about 75 meters. I have stabilized the round by soldering sheet copper fins to the flare nut flats. I make the fins (three per round) by cutting the copper into 1 1/2" x 1" rectangles. Scribe a line 1/2" in from each 1" edge and bend upwards 60 degrees at each scribe line. Solder the center 1/2" portion of a fin on every other wrench flat on the flare nut letting the fins extend 1/2" beyond the face of the nut. You have to run the mortar firing mechanism at least 1/2" from the base of the tube for the firing pin to enter the fins and reach the primer but the resulting increase in range (about 30 meters extra) is worth it.

I have also experimented with getting better obturation and using the rifling to spin stabilize the round by attaching chevron type packing from hydraulic cylinders to the base of the shell body. The gases expand the lip of the packing which both seals the bore and grips the rifling. Another method I've used successfully is to attach on an "O" ring to the base of the shell body with a perforated disc which allows propellant gas to get behind the "O" ring and expand it into the rifling much as the cop band did on the original Type 89 round designed for this mortar. Mine has the advantage of being reusable. Both of these methods increase the range to about 125 meters.

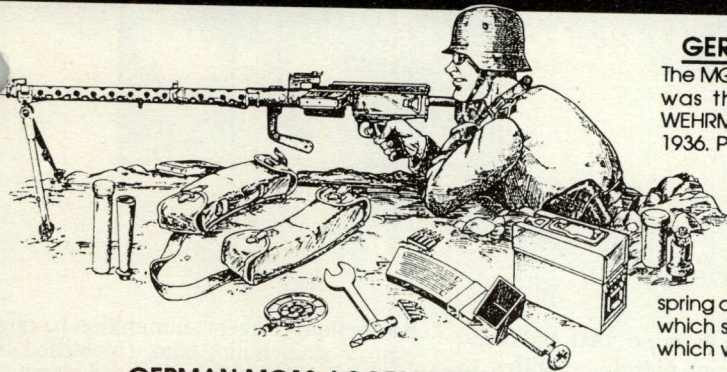
Unfortunately, my development has come to a screaming halt because I no longer have access to one of these mortars. I believe if I could get 2" PVC round stock, I could make the shell body much more aerodynamic, which should increase both range and accuracy, both with fin and spin stabilization. Durability would also go up. I hope this information will be useful to some of the mortarmen out there. Thanks much for a really great and informative magazine. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Bob R.

A Lawn Darts, anyone? Seriously, we're just passing on information here, guys. It sounds reasonable to me, but make sure to wear eye and ear protection, and make sure that you KNOW what you are doing, this is dangerous stuff.

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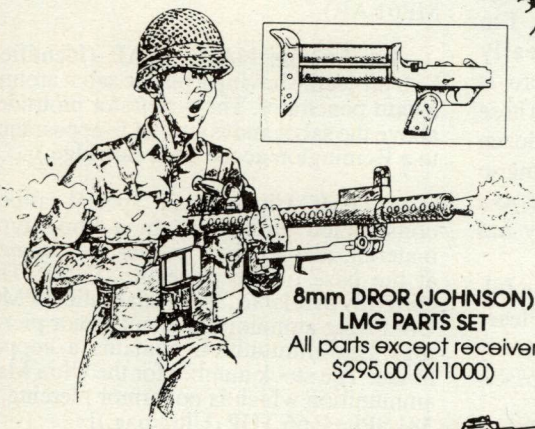
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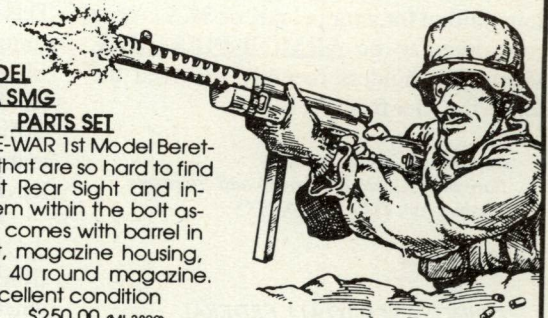
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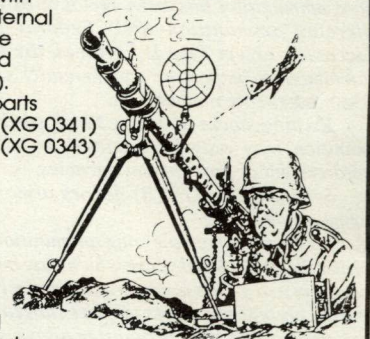
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For those of you who haven't already heard, the Technical Branch of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has recently ruled that **STEEL-CORED** ammunition for your pet AK or SKS is now considered to be **ARMOR-PIERCING**. Many FFL holders recently received the following flier from ATF.

Department of the Treasury
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Washington, D.C. 20226

Feb 2, 1994

OPEN LETTER TO ALL FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** 7.62 x 39mm steel core ammunition has been reclassified as armor piercing ammunition AND Federal Firearms Licensees, except Type II licensees, are no longer authorized to import or commercially sell 7.62 x 39mm steel-core ammunition.

Existing stocks of 7.62 x 39mm steel core ammunition may only be exported or sold to law enforcement or government agencies.

Section 921(a)(17)(B) defines armor-piercing ammunition as:

"the term armor-piercing ammunition means a projectile or projectile core which may be used in a handgun and which is constructed entirely (excluding the presence of traces of other substances) from one or a combination of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper, or depleted uranium. Such term does not include shotgun shot required by Federal or State environmental or game regulations for hunting purposes, a frangible projectile designed for target shooting, a projectile which the Secretary finds is primarily intended to be used for sporting purposes, including a charge used in an oil and gas well perforating device."

Over the past several years, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) has allowed the importation and commercial resale of 7.62 x 39mm steel-cored ammunition based on the fact that there were no handguns in commercial channels capable of chambering this ammunition. Investigations conducted by ATF have concluded that such handguns are now commercially available.

Therefore, you are advised that continued importation and/or resale of 7.62 x 39mm steel core ammunition will be considered a willful violation of law and regulations and could result in criminal prosecution and the revocation of your Federal Firearms License.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact the Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch at (202) 927-8320.

[signed] John W. Magaw, Director

Please bear in mind that the legal definition of armor-piercing applies to **handgun** ammunition only, armor-piercing rifle ammunition is currently unrestricted. This definition goes back to the efforts to control the so-called "cop killer" bullets which were supposedly designed to defeat Kevlar vests. The restricted rounds were defined as handgun-caliber rounds because many center-fire rifle cartridges will defeat Kevlar vests.

ATF made a similar ruling on 7.62x51mm armor-piercing rifle ammunition reclassification several years back when some idiots made a small commercial run of handguns chambered in .308 Winchester. It appears that someone is causing similar such problems once again. This is a classic case of someone engrossed in a small sub-culture within the firearms community thoughtlessly causing grief for hundreds of thousands of shooters as well as financial ruin for dealers stuck with large quantities of near-useless ammunition. I'm certain that these guys make really awesome little handcannons but there is such a thing as social responsibility. These people could produce and sell a few dozen toys but they should realize that by doing so they ultimately hurt the shooting sports as a whole. Could it be that Sarah Brady has gotten a manufacturer's license?

For your benefit, I'm including the following list supplied by a friend. Please note that this ruling doesn't effect any armor-piercing ammunition in your possession except to restrict its sale.

ATF LIST OF ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION

1. KTW ammunition, all calibers. (Identified by a green coating on projectile.)
2. ARCANÉ ammunition, all calibers. (Identified by a pointed bronze or brass projectile.)
3. THV ammunition, all calibers. (Identified by a brass or bronze projectile and having a head stamp containing the letters SFM and THV.)
4. Czechoslovakian manufactured 9mm

Parabellum (Luger) ammunition having an iron or steel bullet core. (Identified by a cupro nickel jacket and a head stamp containing a triangle, star, and dates of 49, 50, 51, or 52. This bullet is attracted to a magnet.)

5. German manufactured 9mm Parabellum (Luger) ammunition having an iron or steel bullet core. (Original packaging is marked Pistolenpatronen 08 m.E. This bullet is attracted to a magnet.)

6. MSC .25ACP caliber ammunition. (Identified by a hollow point bronze bullet.)

7. Black Steel Armor-Piercing Ammunition as produced by National Cartridge, Atlanta, Georgia.

8. Black Steel Metal-Piercing Ammunition as produced by National Cartridge, Atlanta, Georgia.

9. 7.62mm NATO AP. (Identified by black coloring on the bullet tip. This ammunition is produced in various NATO countries. The U.S. military designation is MP61 AP.)

10. 7.62mm NATO SLAP. (Identified by a projectile having a plastic sabot around a hard penetrator. The penetrator protrudes above the sabot and is similar in appearance to a Remington accelerator cartridge.)

11. PMC Ultramag .38 Special caliber, constructed entirely from a brass type material, and a plastic pusher disc located at the base of the projectile. [Note: The currently available .38 Special caliber PMC Ultra Mag ammunition is not armor piercing. The ammunition contains a copper bullet. The stock number for the Ultra Mag ammunition which is not armor piercing is 38J SPL+P 66 THP (Ultramag.)]

12. Omnishock; A .38 Special cartridge with a lead bullet containing a mild steel core with a flattened head resembling a wad cutter.

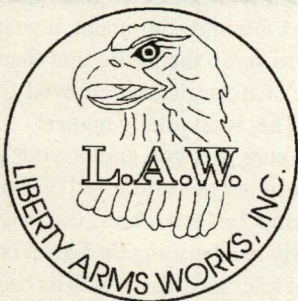
THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WERE EXEMPTED FROM THE ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION DEFINITION:

1. 5.56mm (.223) SS 109 ammunition. May be identified by a green coating on the bullet tip.
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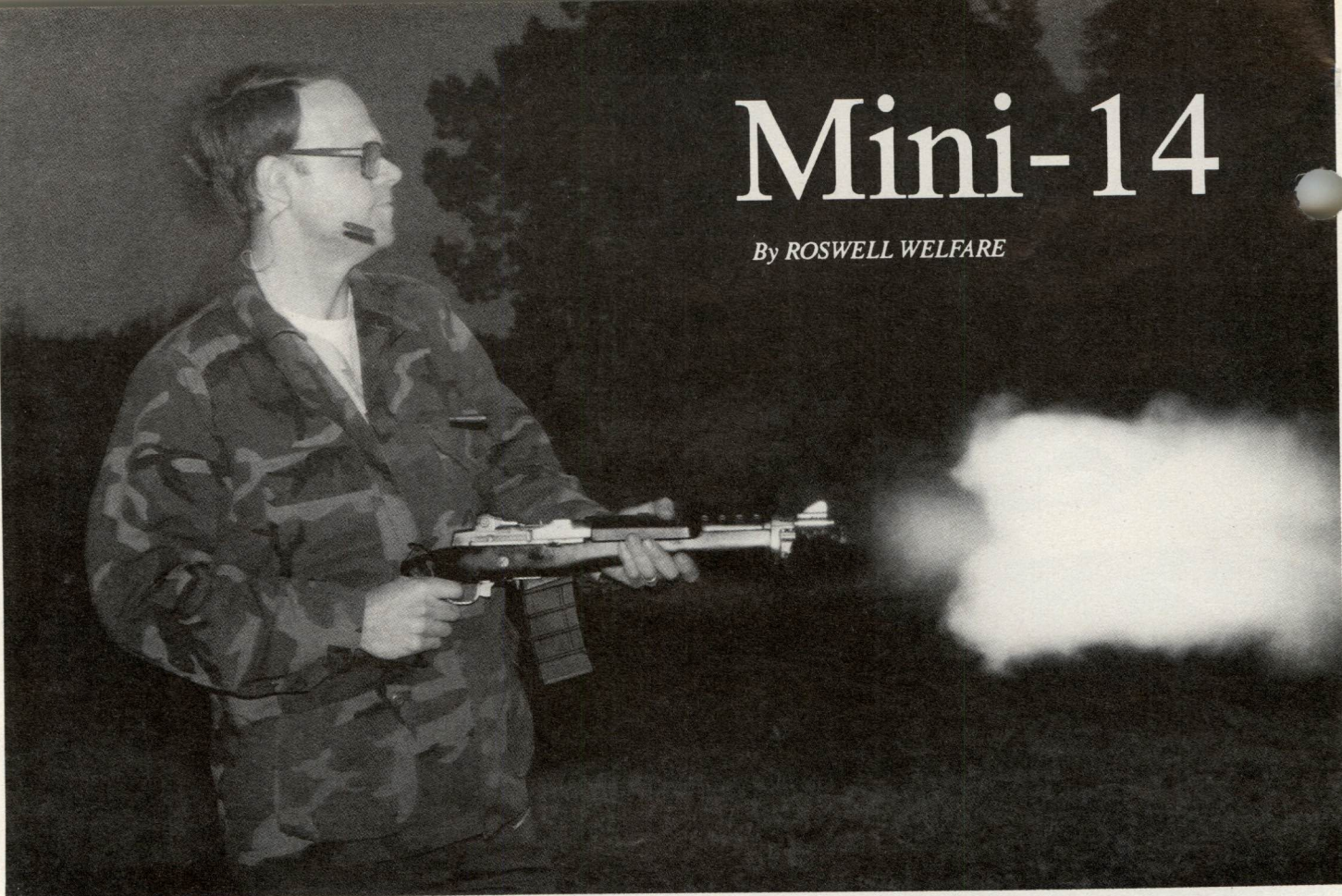


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Mini-14

By ROSWELL WELFARE



Picture of night firing with Mini-14 shortly after full auto conversion. Lack of flash suppressor is evident. Photo taken by Bud Dunlap, Wildthing Gun, Wilson, N.C.

When firearm enthusiasts hear the name Ruger, the first thing that comes to their minds is an American firearms manufacturer that builds tough, reliable firearms at an affordable price. These are three things that are hard to find these days in any product. The Mini-14 is one of Ruger's most popular firearms. Although this rifle does not look like a military weapon and has never served as any country's main battle rifle as the M16 has served the United States, it does not change the fact that it is a tough, reliable, and fairly accurate .223 semi-automatic rifle dressed in civilian clothes.

If you are a machine gun enthusiast, one other thing has probably crossed your mind about Ruger and the Mini-14. Although a fine company, Ruger has a very strict sales and service policy, such components as barrels, bolts, etc. are factory installed items only and cannot be purchased for customer installation. The company is also very reluctant to do repair work on any modified gun such as mine. Although my Mini-14 is registered with the BATF, it left the factory in a semi-auto state and is now a full auto. In talking with the factory, their policy is based on liability reasons and this brings me to the reason for writing this article.

During the early 1980's, I had the opportunity to shoot a legal fully automatic weapon. This one experience lit a fire inside me that has only grown bigger with time. As most of you know, until May 1986, it was legal to register and convert a semi-auto to full auto.

In mid 1985 I filled out all necessary BATF forms, photographs, fingerprints, sheriff's approval and signature along with complete details of conversion and sent them to BATF. It was approved in December of 1985.

After completing the conversion in January, 1986, I had fired between 8 to 10 thousand rounds of .223 without any malfunctions.

In January of 1992, I joined Shooting Sports, Inc., a privately owned range that welcomes pistol, rifle, shotgun, and machine gun shooters. In this day and time all shooting is best done at a designated range, especially machine guns. SSI has a special 50 yard range 14 ft. deep in the ground. This range is designated for rough sighting-in rifles, shotguns, and shooting machine guns.

One Saturday while I was at the range, I noticed instead of having nice round holes in the target that all of the holes were elon-

gated. After inspecting the barrel, I noticed about half way down the length there were 3 to 4 inches of rifling gone. This meant a new barrel would have to be installed.

The light-weight barrel installed in these guns at the factory does fine for semi-auto shooting, but for full auto the only way to go is a heavy barrel.

A very good friend in Youngsville, N.C., Jim Funk, who is a veteran gunsmith, helped me to chamber, headspace, and install the barrel. Before I go any further I want to caution you of the dangers involved in rebarreling a firearm.

When a bullet is fired in a gun, it is nothing more than a controlled explosion. If you are not a qualified gunsmith or you don't know a qualified gunsmith with the proper tools and equipment, it would be far better to scrap the entire gun than to have pieces of it surgically removed from your body. This is no joking matter!

Be sure that you and/or your gunsmith has had experience with automatic weapons before changing the barrel. Properly headspacing the barrel is the most critical tolerance along with having the barrel properly torqued in the receiver.

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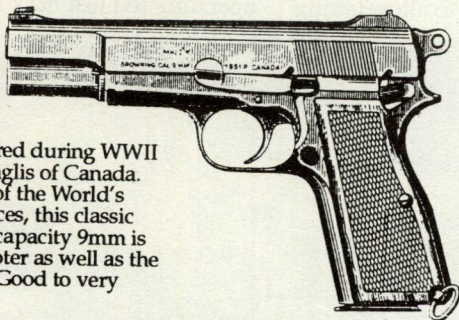


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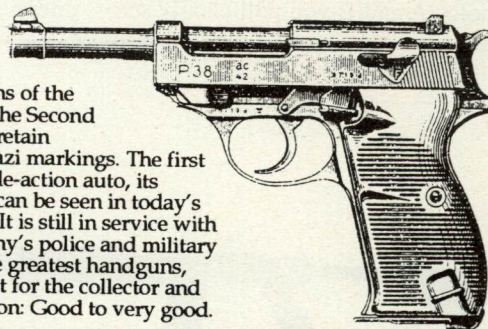
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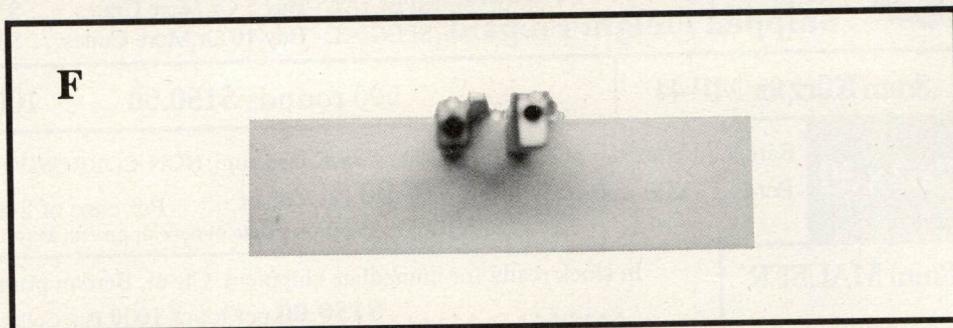
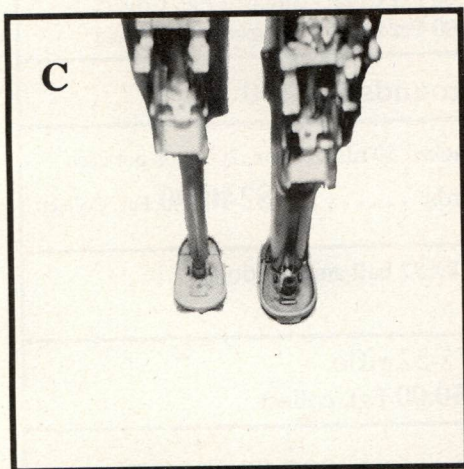
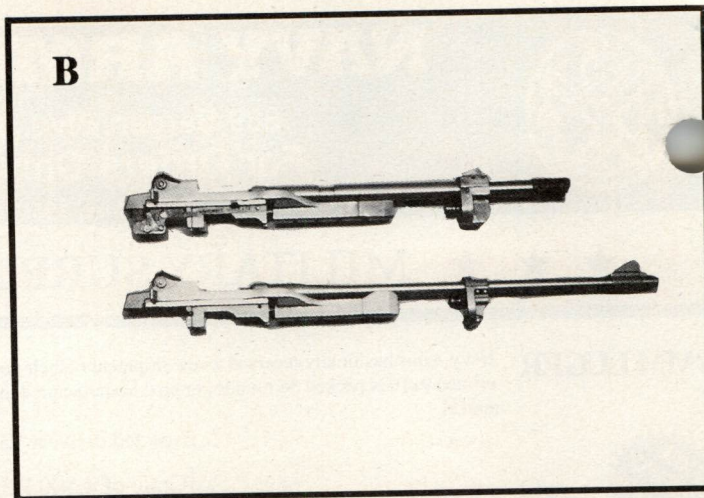
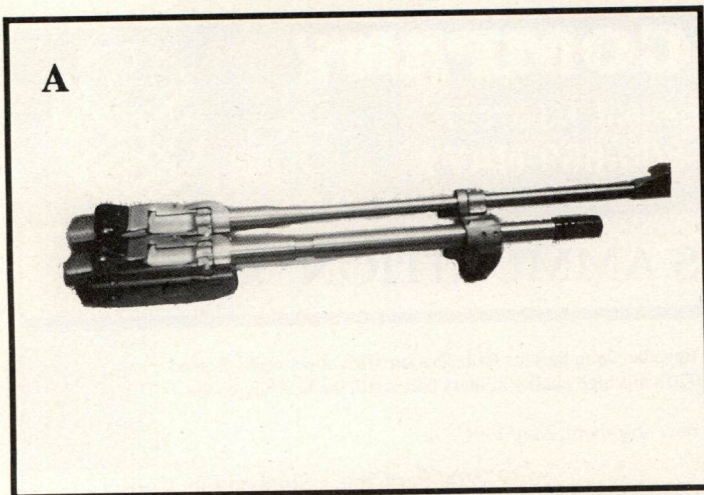
WWII German P.38 Pistol, Cal. 9mm

These veterans of the great battles of the Second World War still retain their original Nazi markings. The first successful double-action auto, its design features can be seen in today's modern pistols. It is still in service with many of Germany's police and military units. One of the greatest handguns, the P.38 is a must for the collector and shooter. Condition: Good to very good.



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fit the receiver as precisely as possible to avoid cracking the receiver. The following photographs will give you a good general idea of the way I chose to install a heavy barrel in my gun. I did not include a blueprint with dimensions for one important reason. You may choose to use a larger or smaller barrel than I chose and this would void the entire blueprint. The photos and brief explanations will give you an idea of what is involved.

In photos A and B you will clearly see

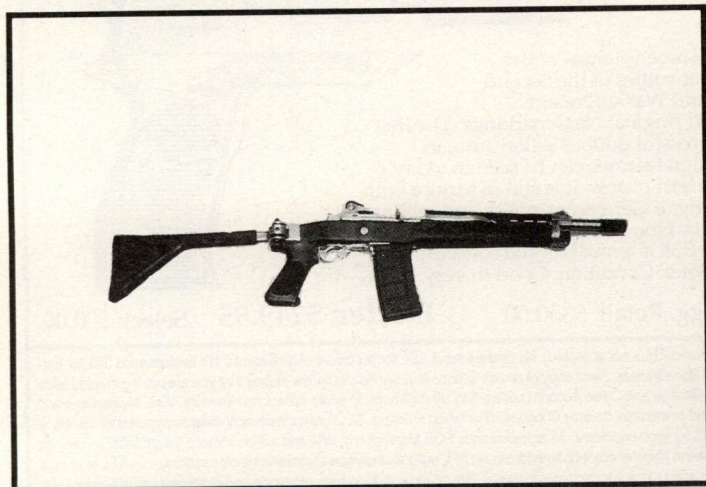
the three major modifications: heavy barrel, larger gas block, and modified operating rod. Photo A shows a standard Mini-14 barrel compared to a heavy barrel. Barrel diameter starts out at .960 at receiver on both guns. The barrel on the factory gun tapers to approximately .560 diameter shortly past the chamber and maintains that diameter to the end of the barrel. The heavy barrel remains .960 diameter to the gas block. The barrel is then turned to .750 diameter then to .500 diameter then threaded to 1/2-28 TPI to accept an M16 flash suppressor.

Photos B and C show standard and heavy gas blocks. The standard gas block does not have enough metal to allow boring

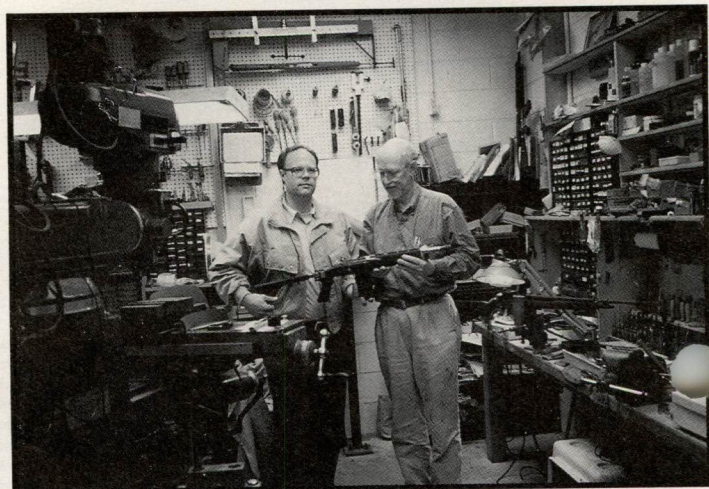
it out to fit around a .750 diameter barrel. The new gas block was made big on the outside, but retained the same inside diameter around the flange so that all M14 type stocks would fit.

The most critical dimension on the gas block is the center distance of the barrel to the center hole of the gas piston. Photo C shows the gas piston had to be lowered inside the gas block to accommodate a larger barrel. Photos B and C show the modified operating rod compared to the standard rod.

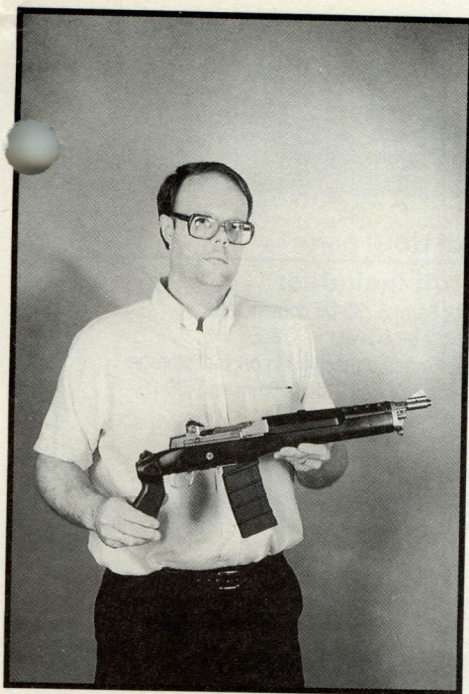
The raised portion on the standard operating rod which acts as the guide system had to be removed. The end of the operating rod just back of the gas hole was



Completed heavy barreling project.



Owner Roswell Welfare and gunsmith Jim Funk holding completed firearms.



Owner Roswell Welfare holding converted Mini-14 before installing heavy barrel. Stock was shortened and a pistol grip installed.

sawed off and a solid bar of steel was welded to it. The new guide system consisted of a machined step on top of the operating rod .250 wide and .150 deep. A .250 by .150 deep keyway was cut in the bottom of the barrel.

This method seems to work as well or better than the original factory design.

Photo F shows lowered hole in the end of the operating rod.

If all machining is done correctly, the operating rod should close over the gas piston without binding. There should be enough clearance in the guide system and piston to piston hole to avoid binding. Automatic weapons get extremely hot and when metal expands, it can gaul and seize up. Be sure parts work freely even when hot.

Last, but not least, when drilling the gas hole in the barrel, start out with a factory size hole and make it bigger if the gun does not cycle as it should. More than likely you will have to increase the gas hole in the barrel several sizes over factory size to make the gun cycle. If you drill the hole too large this will cause a violent cycle rate and will rim shear the cartridge.

In conclusion I would like to express special thanks to Jim Funk who guided me through this project and to Buddy Manning, Shop Manager, and A.B. Tucker, owner of Industrial Services of Wilson County, who allowed me to use his shop after hours and weekends to complete this project.

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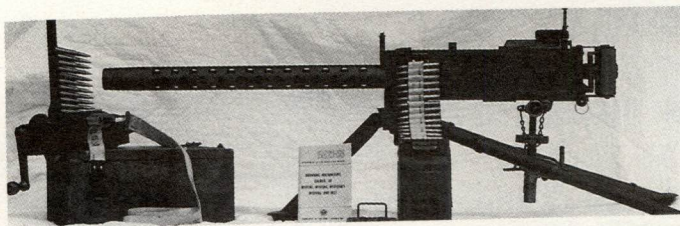
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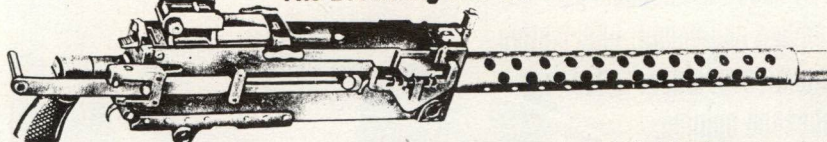
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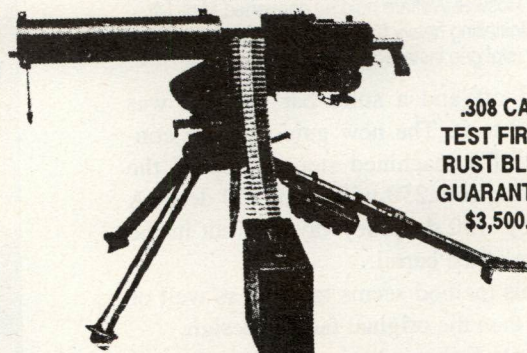
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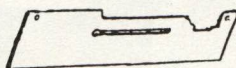
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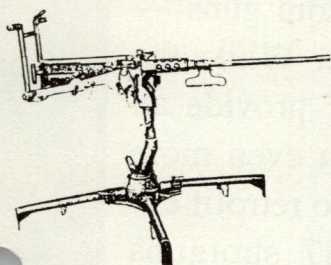
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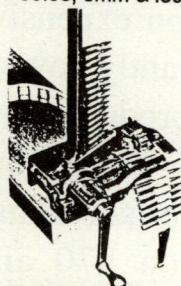
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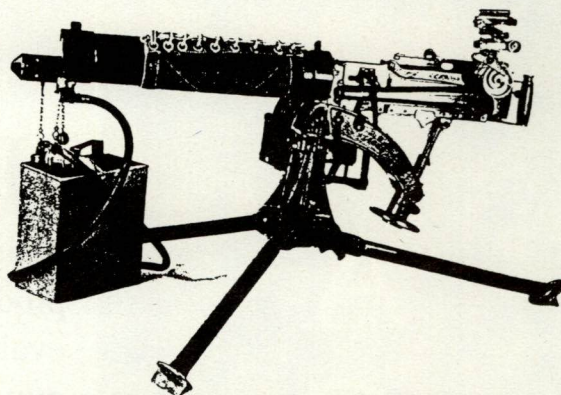
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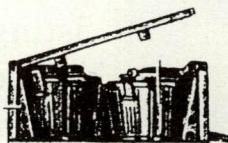


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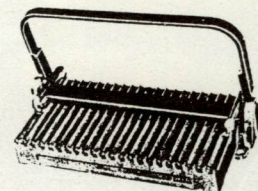
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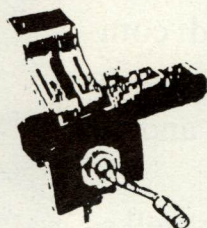
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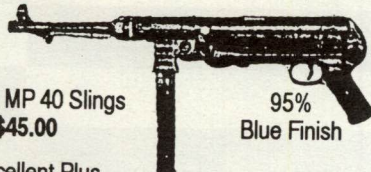
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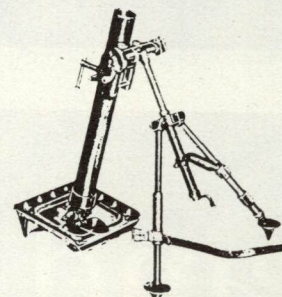
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This article will discuss retrofitting as well as “the rest of the story” on the ghost ring sighting system that gives the stocked variants of the Tactical Response shotgun their principal tactical edge over the typical defensive shotgun. Finally, we’ll examine several other excellent ghost ring systems in the marketplace.

by AL PAULSON

and NFA Shotguns

Complete Retrofit Kit

Remington has made 4-6 million Model 870 shotguns over the years, so it's likely that many agencies and individuals would prefer to purchase upgrade kits for shotguns already in the inventory rather than purchasing complete new guns. Furthermore, a small percentage of practical shotgunners will be better served by the additional features and smoother actions only available in a custom gun. SGT sells complete upgrade kits and individual components directly to satisfy these requirements, plus some components are also marketed nationally by Brownells. The SGT kits for the Remington 870 and 1187 shotguns have all the components and instructions that one needs to upgrade a shotgun to the equivalent of virtually any of the 15 models offered by Scattergun Technologies. The accompanying photograph illustrates the kit used to upgrade to the Tactical Response Standard Model, which has virtually all the bells and whistles developed by SGT.

The Standard Model includes SGT's adjustable Trak-Lock Ghost Ring Sight System, two-round mag tube extension, high-visibility nonbinding follower, case-hardened mag-tube clamp, sling swivels, tactical sling, fiberglass-reinforced polypropylene stock, and buttpad with rounded edges. The kit also includes a Laser Products Tactical Foregrip with 6-volt (11,000 candlepower) light, specialized Wolff magazine spring, Side Saddle Shell Carrier from Adventurer's Outpost, a drilling fixture for installing the rear sight, plus the special tools and instructions needed for installation.

If an agency's armorer or an individual is not comfortable installing a kit, any competent gunsmith can perform the conversion. Or SGT will perform the installation for \$45 on a fully assembled gun or for \$35 on a completely disassembled gun.

For customers who merely want to install SGT's outstanding ghost ring sighting system, SGT will install the sights on a barrel and disassembled receiver for just \$25. And that includes return freight. Installing sights on a fully assembled gun costs \$10 more. Scattergun Technologies has a great attitude and excellent technical support. They encourage local gunsmiths to install their components while providing individuals with support if local gunsmiths are unavailable or are unwilling to work on an unfamiliar project. This seems to be a company that everyone can work with.

Components for NFA Shotguns

I believe that a shotgun with a 14 inch barrel, one-round mag tube extension and ghost ring sight is probably the optimum configuration for a general purpose, defensive shotgun. And I believe that a 12.5 inch barrel version with a Laser Products tactical light is the best option for home defense. A stockless shotgun with 12.5 inch barrel has some specialized, if limited, applications where no other firearms will work as well.

Converting an existing shotgun is a viable alternative to purchasing a complete system from Scattergun Technologies, but reducing the length of the barrel to less than 18 inches requires that the shotgun be registered according to the provisions of the National Firearms Act.

Law enforcement agencies can register a short-barreled shotgun on a Form 1 and do not pay NFA tax. Individuals must pay the appropriate NFA tax and have an approved Form 1 in hand before shortening the barrel. The tax issue is a bit complicated.

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Individuals may wish to follow the lead of many law enforcement agencies, and simply send their shotgun to a Class 2 manufacturer for the conversion and ATF registration to avoid the unfamiliar paperwork. The manufacturer then transfers the converted NFA firearms back to the owner in conventional fashion. JR Customs, for example, will shorten the barrel and register the shotgun with ATF for less than the cost of purchasing a new short barrel from Scattergun Technologies.

SGT sells complete retrofit kits, complete barrels and individual components

necessary for building the equivalent of any of their four SBSs and four AOWs. All the relevant components have been discussed in the two preceding articles except for the magazine clamp used to secure magazine tube extensions, the extensions themselves, and two noteworthy grip options for the AOW.

The clamp that secures the magazine tube extension to the barrel is typical of SGT's attention to detail. Every manufacturer of aftermarket shotgun accessories seems to make a mag-tube clamp. A common problem with these clamps comes from the fact that they are generally made from cold-rolled steel, which is an inferior grade compared to the steel used for sling swivels. Therefore, the threads in the clamp tend to eventually strip out, which is why many practical shotguns can be seen with a nut securing the swivel to the clamp. Scattergun Technologies case hardens their mag-tube clamps to avoid this problem.

Several models with 18 inch barrels come with a two-round magazine extension, which is intended for use with an 18 inch barrel. SGT also makes a one-round extension suitable for use with a 14 inch barrel. These tubes are quite robust and resistant to impact since they are made from 4130 chrome moly steel. The mag-tube extensions are finished in a certified milspec Parkerizing.

Another noteworthy component available from Scattergun Technologies is the birch pistol grip designed for the Concealment Model 00. This grip is much more comfortable than a conventional pistol grip. The shape of the wooden grip seems to distribute the recoil to the forearm, while a pistol grip concentrates the recoil into the web of the hand. Best of all, this grip is made by a skilled stockmaker from a carefully designed steel master, so every grip is identical. This is the best grip for a smooth-bored pistol in my opinion.

The next best alternative is the rear grip and the foregrip made by Adventurer's Outpost and used for SGT's Concealment Model 01. The ergonomics of these grips is inspiring.

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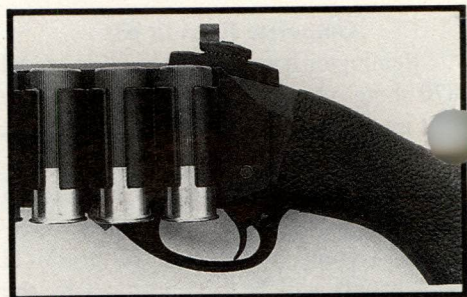


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stock. The following discussion will look at the evolution of this sight and its patent-pending installation procedure.

The concept of equipping a shotgun with a ghost ring sight is not new. The ghost ring concept has been advocated by Jeff Cooper for many years, although people have been very slow to recognize its benefits. The ghost ring allows very quick acquisition of sight picture and very quick sight alignment. When the stock is mounted to the shoulder and the eye focuses on the front sight, the shooter tends to automatically center the rear sight ring on the eyeball. The eye cannot focus on two objects at the same time if they're some distance apart, so the aperture fuzzes or "ghosts" out (hence, the name "ghost ring sight"). Peripheral vision allows the shooter to almost subconsciously center the front sight in the fuzzy rear sight.

The first ghost ring in the marketplace was merely a Williams adjustable guide ramp sight with its aperture removed, leaving a large hole in the sight. The first Tactical Response shotguns used the Williams rear sight and a blade-type front sight designed by Roger Small to match the Williams ghost ring. The front sight incorporated a tritium insert to facilitate target acquisition in low-light conditions.

Other options appeared in the marketplace as the state of the art evolved. One of the best is the Sage International sight, which John Klein developed for the U.S. Marine Corps. The Sage sight is basically an improvement of the Williams design. It's made of steel, while the Williams was made from an aluminum alloy. The Sage sight features a ghost ring sight and a front sight blade with a tritium insert. The sights are not pretty, but they are robust.

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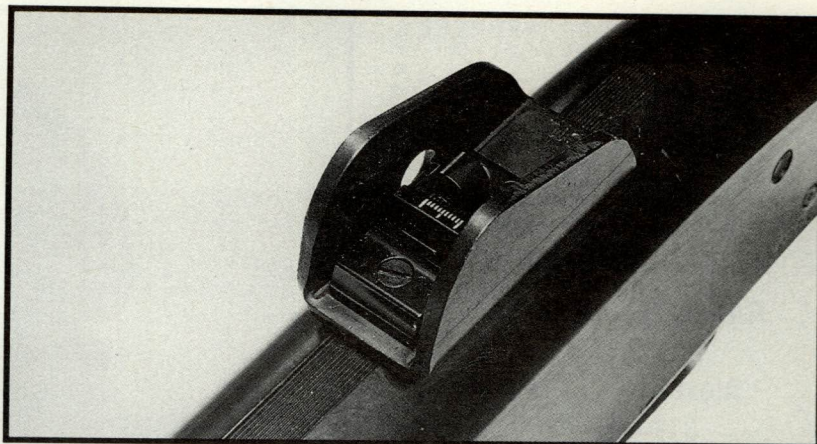
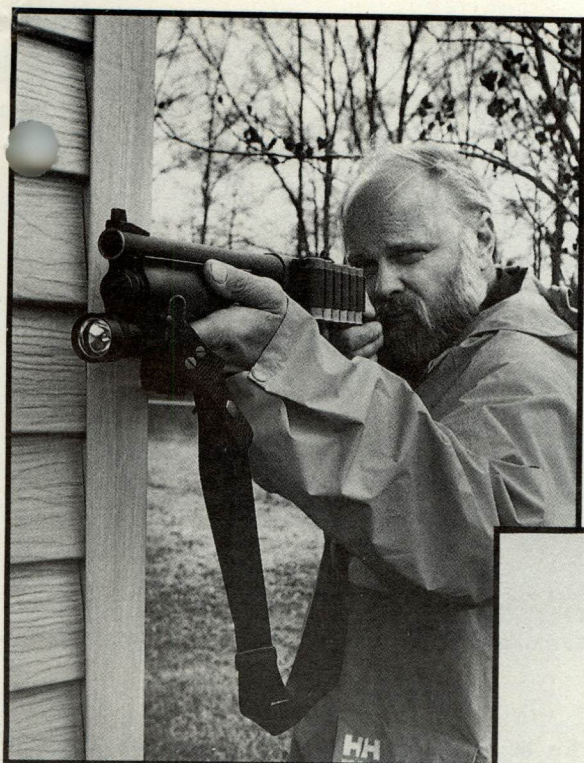


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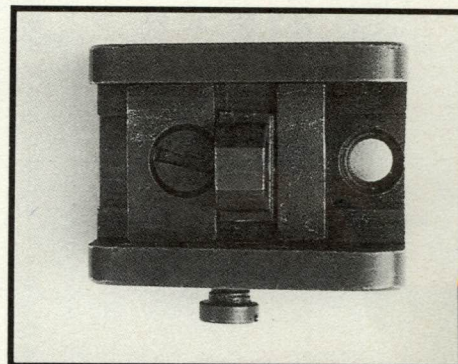
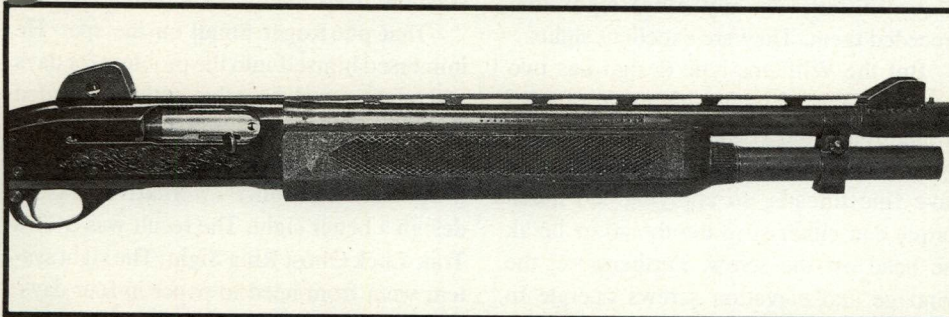
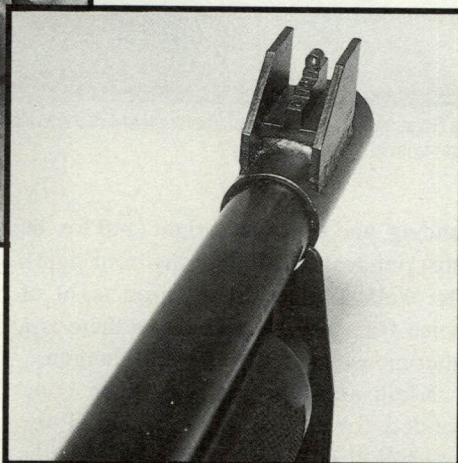
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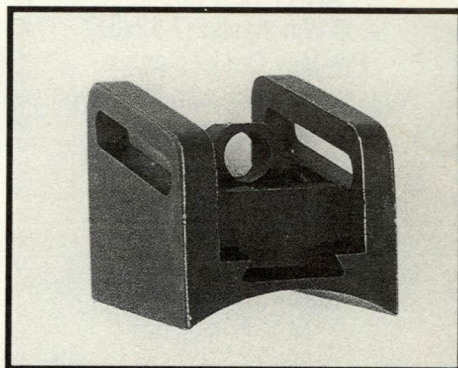
The Sage International ghost ring with tritium front sight was developed by John Klein for the Mossberg 590s used by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Right: The Sage tritium insert in the front sight blade has a half-life of five years, which probably translates to an operational life of 4 to 7 years.

Below: Overall view of front and rear Sage sights installed.



Designed by Steve Wickert at the Wells Sports Store in Prescott, Arizona, the Wells-Wickert is a Williams-type sight made of steel with protective ears. The protective wings feature slots to improve the sight's light gathering, the workmanship is outstanding, and the price is right.



The elevation screw on Wells-Wickert sight bears against a brass wedge with a lot of surface area, and the windage screw is sturdier than most.

developed largely through the efforts of one man — Colonel Bob Young. Back when the Marines were forming their security force battalions, they discovered that each shotgun didn't necessarily hit where it was aimed. Each shotgun barrel tended to have a mind of his own. So the Marines stapled a range card to the stock of every shotgun. That way they knew where every shotgun hit with 00 buckshot and slugs. This system was hardly conducive to efficient training or optimum hit probability in a crisis. So Colonel Young spearheaded the drive to install useful sights on their shotguns. Young also wanted the capability to engage a running target in low-light situations where only a silhouette might be visible; this suggested a tritium front sight. Finally, the sight needed to be much more durable

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than the Williams ghost ring.

Three or four companies developed sights to meet the Marine requirement, and the Sage ghost ring beat out the rest of the competition. The Marines purchased somewhere between 1,700 and 1,900 sights, and that's the ghost ring they are using today on their Mossberg 590s. The Marines do not use the Mossberg ghost ring.

The Sage tritium sights have a half-life of five years, which probably translates to an operational life of 4 to 7 years. The Sage sights feature relatively easy installation on a wide variety of shotguns, as we'll see. They remain my first choice for mounting on shotguns other than Remington 870s and 1187s. Sage sights can be purchased from Brownells or directly from Sage International. (Sage also manufactures custom

shotguns, folding shotgun stocks, locking gun racks for police cruisers, and the safest breaching rounds in the marketplace.)

Another excellent ghost ring sight was designed by Steve Wickert at the Wells Sports Store in Prescott, Arizona. The Wells-Wickert is a Williams-type sight made of steel with protective ears. The elevation screw bears against a brass wedge with a lot of surface area, and the windage screw is sturdier than most. The protective wings feature slots to improve the sight's light gathering, the workmanship is out-



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The Sage sight is basically an improvement of the Williams design. It's made of steel, while the Williams was made from an aluminum alloy.

standing, and the price is right (\$40 for the ghost ring rear and \$15 for the front sight). The Wells-Wickert is my iron sight of choice for a rifle, but I believe there is a better mousetrap for the tactical shotgun.

Klein and Wickert are to be commended for their advancement of the design. Both sights are much better than the alloy Williams or any other sight that preceded them. They are excellent sights.

But the Williams-type design has two inherent flaws. Whether it's made of steel or aluminum, the Williams design requires two adjustment screws. Those small screws have fine threads, so applying too much torque can either strip the thread or break the head off the screw. Furthermore, the windage and elevation screws operate in friction slides, so dropping or bumping the sight can knock the sight out of alignment. Finally, I don't like protective ears on a sight, since they can reduce the amount of light falling on the front sight and they occlude the shooter's field of view. My own bias is that a sight does not need protective ears if its design is sufficiently robust in the first place. The U.S. Marine Corps, however, requires protective ears on the front sights of their shotguns.

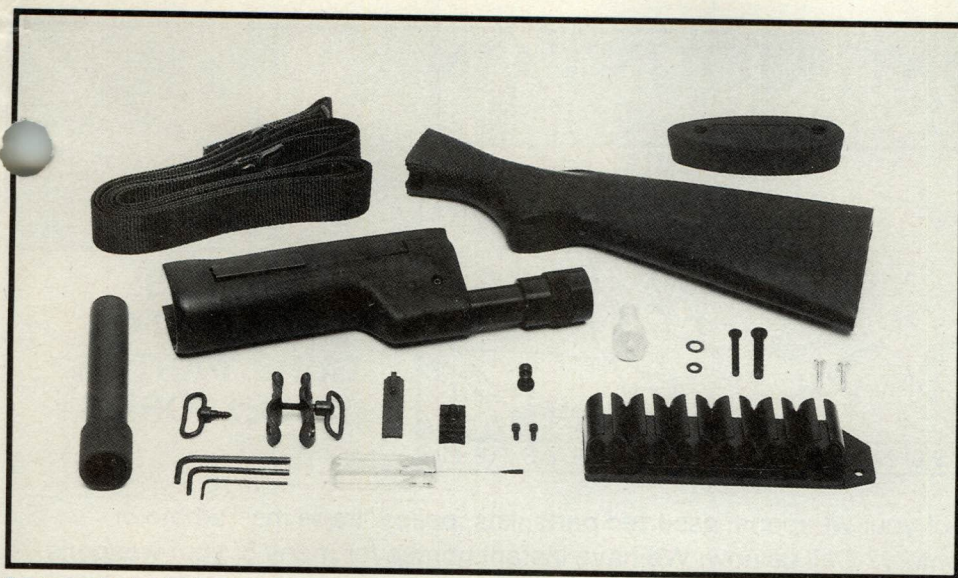
The weaknesses of Williams-type sights became apparent when Scattergun Technologies got involved with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service several years ago. INS was looking for new shotguns that incorporated good sights, possibly a ghost ring system. SGT submitted a shotgun to INS designed to meet their requirements. INS liked the shotgun.

They liked the ghost ring sight concept. But INS concluded that the Williams ghost ring sight was not robust enough to be issued to Border Patrol officers, who were running around the desert with the guns in the back of a jeep. So when the contract was let, INS specified that the sight system (front and rear) must be able to withstand a drop on concrete from a height of 4 feet!

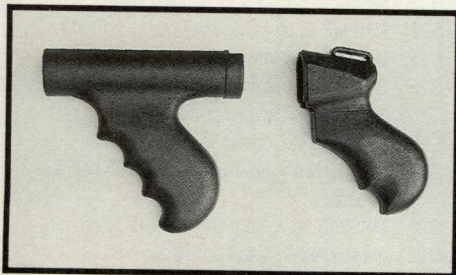
That put Roger Small on the spot. He immersed himself into the problem for days and nights, and he reluctantly concluded that the Sage, Wells-Wickert, H&K, and several other sights would not meet the INS drop test. The only alternative was to design a better sight. The result was SGT's Trak-Lock Ghost Ring Sight. The sight system went from need to paper in four days. And it went from paper to finished product in six days.

The Trak-Lock system is made from 4140 chrome moly steel, heat treated to 32 Rockwell. The rear sight requires only one screw for the adjustment of windage and elevation. A toothed track locks the sight in place even when subjected to a substantial blow. A tritium insert in the front sight blade features a sapphire lens and is encased in a protective sleeve. (Since this article was written, SGT now incorporates two tritium dots on the rear sight as well.) The SGT tritium sights have a half-life of five years, which probably translates to an operational life of 7 to 10 years. The Trak-Lock Ghost Ring Sight is a remarkable achievement which provides the shotgunner with a new state of the art in performance and durability. A patent is

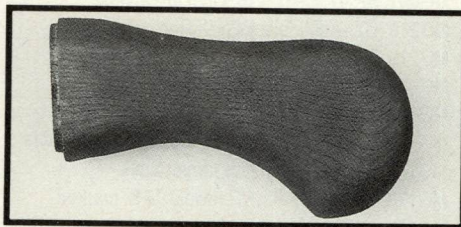
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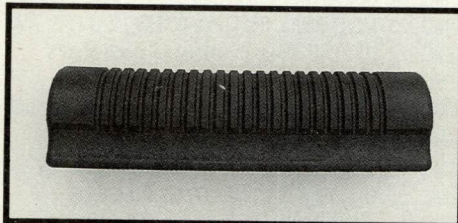
Scattergun Technologies offers this complete retrofit kit for upgrading a Remington 870 shotgun to the Tactical Response Standard Model, which has virtually all the bells and whistles developed by SGT. The SGT Action Sling is also included in the kit but is not illustrated here.



The next best alternative to the SGT birch grip for reducing recoil in a stockless shotgun is the rear grip and the foregrip made by Adventurer's Outpost, which SGT uses for their Concealment Model 01. The ergonomics of these grips is inspiring.



The birch pistol grip from Scattergun Technologies was designed for the Concealment Model 00 shotgun. This is the best grip for a smooth-bored pistol in my opinion.



The outstanding SGT fiberglass-reinforced foregrip provides an unusually secure grip for the nonfiring hand.

pending on the rear Trak-Lock sight.

Retrofitters also benefit from the patent-pending installation procedure for the Trak-Lock system, which is quick, inexpensive and durable.

Sight Installation

The Trak-Lock rear sight installs using an ingenious and inexpensive sight-drilling fixture. Retrofit kits come with the fixture, or a fixture can be purchased separately for \$10. But it is the patent-pending installation procedure for the front sight that is particularly innovative and cost effective.

The traditional methods for installing a front sight are brazing and soldering, which require a skilled craftsman and specialized equipment. These methods also require refinishing the barrel.

The Remington 870s now being produced have a front sight consisting of a platform which is soldered to a platform which is soldered to the barrel. The platform is centered in the proper position on the barrel for a front sight blade. The Trak-Lock front sight essentially encapsulates the platform. Simply break off the bead and install the

front sight, using a special adhesive which holds with a strength of 4,000 pounds per square inch. This procedure eliminates soldering or brazing, along with refinishing the barrel.

This procedure is not as radical as it might appear. NASA has used adhesive on the Space Shuttle tiles for years, and other manufacturers are now using adhesives to assemble their guns.

The ingenious installation procedure for the Sage International ghost ring system also eliminates soldering or brazing, along with refinishing the barrel. The Sage front sight comes with an integral barrel sleeve which is available in a variety of sizes to fit almost any barrel in the marketplace. Installation begins with removing the existing bead sight. Open that hole with a

number 31 drill. Then take the barrel sleeve, which is made undersize to the barrel and is slit on the bottom, and open the slit up slightly so the sleeve just slides onto the end of the barrel. Use a plastic mallet to drive the sleeve onto the barrel. Align the hole in the top of the sleeve with the hole in the barrel. Take a 6-48 tap and run it down the hole (the sleeve is already tapped). Insert a 6-48 screw with Loctite. File off the protruding portion of the screw inside the barrel with a half-round file. This completes the installation of the front sight. The rear sight requires drilling and tapping two holes for 6-48 screws. Two additional screws can be installed in the front and back of the front sight if the user is willing to drill and tap two more holes in the barrel.

Conclusions

Retrofitting a Remington 870 or 1187, already owned by an individual or agency with parts from Scattergun Technologies, can be a cost effective alternative to purchasing a new Tactical Response shotgun. Many SGT parts would be valuable additions to custom guns as well, and SGT is quite willing to sell individual components and complete retrofit kits to individuals, agencies and gunsmiths. The sophisticated design and high quality of SGT components make them a sound investment and can enhance the tactical performance of a defensive shotgun. Other excellent ghost ring sights are available from Sage International and Wells Sports Store, and each is ideal for certain applications. But I personally favor SGT's Trak-Lock Ghost Ring Sight for the Remington 870 and 1187 shotguns.

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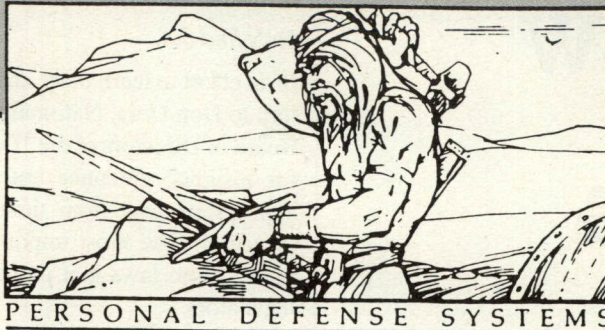
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AN INTERVIEW WITH DON DOIG OF FIJA

by WILLIAM CONVILLE

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..."

Thomas Jefferson

Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776

...Well, for many Class 3 folks "the pursuit of happiness" is buying, trading, shooting, and collecting firearms, especially NFA approved firearms.

However, on our political and legislative horizon is a freight train full of complex and restrictive gun control laws coming straight at gun owners. Of course, everyone knows these laws will not solve any of societies complex social problems. These laws will not stop street crimes, eliminate drug problems or turn Los Angeles into a peaceful Mr. Rogers' neighborhood, but they will surely make liberal legislators "feel good" and "feel popular." These laws will certainly reduce or totally eliminate the "recreational happiness" of a lot of firearms folks. Indeed, these laws may be the legislative pillow that comes quietly in the night to suffocate the Second Amendment while it sleeps, hoping nobody will notice.

But the United States is not the first country in history to question laws that don't work or that can't solve social problems. It was the Roman Historian Tacitus, in 56 B.C. who wisely observed: "Before, we had 'crimes' that oppressed us, now we have 'laws' that oppress us."

So it is important to know when these oppressive laws are enacted and work their way through our Judicial system, there appears to be a little known "option" that can be freely exercised by any jury to neutralize this legislation, and that option is for the jury to be fully informed of their rights.

At least and under question here is whether the jury has the option and obligation to find a person "not guilty" because the law in question violates the jury's "common sense," their "conscience," and their basic interpretation of our Constitution. In addition, it is worth noting that if the jurors use this "legal device" and decide "not guilty," their decision cannot be reversed or appealed to a higher court by the government.

So it is interesting to learn that a non-profit organization was recently founded with one goal in mind, and that is to tell the

American people about this option and how our system used to work in the past.

Is this a good idea? And is it just that simple?

Let's find out.

In an effort to learn more about this organization and its mission we turn to Don Doig, National Coordinator and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the "Fully Informed Jury Association" (FIJA) for insights, guidance and to learn if this "legal device" is an appropriate way from time to time to rescue the Bill of Rights (especially the most important Amendment, the Second Amendment), from laws that perhaps never should have been passed by legislators.

MGN: Don, lets begin with three basic questions. What is FIJA?

Don: FIJA, the Fully Informed Jury Association, is a nationwide network of citizens working to restore our traditional system of common law trial by jury, so that it functions the way America's founders intended. In particular, we are publicizing and promoting the traditional legal doctrine known as "jury nullification" (of bad law).

Under our system, the jury has a responsibility to serve as a guard against the application of laws which usurp the rights of the people or which violate the Constitution, or which appear to be political in nature. Jurors also have the responsibility to guard against police abuses such as warrantless searches, or judicial usurpations.

Jurors have the right and the power to judge the merits, the constitutionality, and the justice of the law itself, and if they find it lacking, they can refuse to convict the defendant even if the evidence for "guilt" is clear. That is, they can vote according to their consciences. Indeed, even a single juror can refuse to convict and "hang the jury," and if all 12 (or six) vote for acquittal, that verdict is final and the double jeopardy clause prevents retrial.

FIJA has two interrelated strategies. First, to educate all Americans about their rights and responsibilities as jurors. Second, to influence public policy at the state level to require truthful judicial instructions to the jury regarding veto power, and otherwise to protect the jury's rightful powers.

MGN: FIJA issues a quarterly newsletter to members. Could you tell us more about this publication and what it does?

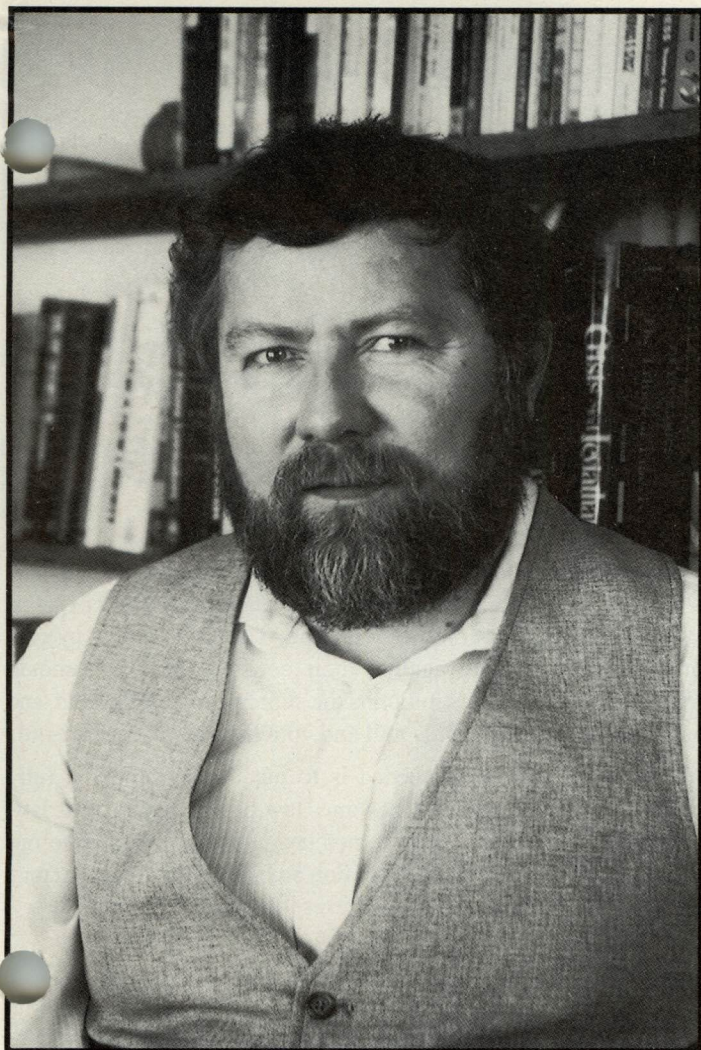
Don: The FIJA activist newsletter reports on nationwide activities undertaken by FIJA supporters to promote jury rights. It also reports on progress of FIJA legislation or citizen initiatives, and discusses historical and scholarly issues affecting trial by jury.

MGN: I understand that FIJA is founded on the principles of English common law dating back to the time of the "Magna Carta." Could you give us more background on this?

Don: The right to trial by jury can be traced at least as far as Magna Carta in 1215, when it was recognized that British citizens had a right to be tried by a jury of their peers. For several centuries thereafter, a struggle between citizens and the government ensued, during which the right to trial by jury was alternately strengthened and weakened.

MGN: I understand that there is an interesting story about William Penn and a jury trial. Would you share that with us?

Don: In 1670, William Penn was arrested for preaching an illegal religion to an illegal assembly. By law, the Church of England was



the only legal religion, and Penn was a Quaker. Soldiers had locked Penn and his congregation out of their London meeting house, and they met in the street instead. As a result, Penn and a colleague, William Mead, were arrested.

The evidence for guilt was clear, and was not disputed. The judge explained to the jury that therefore they had no choice but to convict Penn and Mead. But the jurors, led by Edward Bushell, refused to vote against their consciences. The judge held the jurors without food, water, or toilet facilities for several days, but they would not give in. Penn and Mead were acquitted, and there was nothing the court could do about that. But the jurors were fined, and four of them refused to pay the attain (fine). They were held for nine weeks in a brutal prison until they were released on a writ of *habeas corpus* from the highest court in England.

The high court decision reaffirmed that jurors had the right to vote according to their own conscience, and could not be punished for their verdict. This precedent carried over to the colonies where, in another landmark case, John Peter Zenger in New York Colony was acquitted for publishing a newspaper critical of (though truthfully so) the Royal Governor of New York Colony, in clear violation of existing law. The jury voted against judicial instructions, to the effect that "truth is no defense," and in so doing not only strengthened the jury's right to judge the law, but also helped establish freedom of speech and religion.

MGN: At this time, are judges anywhere in the U.S. required by law to tell the jury they have the right to vote their conscience?

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Don: Seven state constitutions acknowledge the right of the jury to judge the law in all cases, and several others mention the right in regard to libel and sedition cases, but to our knowledge in no state is it current practice to instruct the jurors truthfully regarding their rights. Until recently, judges in Maryland and Indiana did routinely instruct jurors that they were the judges of the law.

MGN: Looking at this issue from a lawyer's perspective, can you cite any "appeals court" rulings which would support your position?

Don: Recent court rulings have grudgingly acknowledged the power of the jury to judge the law, but have denied that it is proper for the judge to sanction the process with an instruction, or to allow the defense to argue the merits of the law. That has been the nature of the legal debate for more than a century: should jurors be told of their power?

The watershed case was *Sparf and Hansen vs. U.S.* (1894). The court ruled (in an appeal on an admiralty case on the high seas, and questionable as precedent on those grounds as well as others) that it was not reversible error for the judge to refuse to tell the jury that they are judges of the law. They did recognize that jurors had the physical power to judge the law, but denied that it was a legal right that deserved recognition by the court. States were to be free to decide otherwise, and could require an instruction in state courts.

MGN: Which is it? Are judges ignorant of the "rights of jurors," just indifferent, or intentionally misleading jurors?

Don: Some judges are not aware of the legal history of this doctrine, not having been taught about it in law school, but others seem to covet the power they have stolen from jurors. A few judges around the country are now giving the "FJA instruction" on their own.

MGN: Is the idea of "jury rights" taught in any of our schools today?

Don: More and more law professors are now teaching students about the Doctrine of Jury Nullification in their courses, and a good number of law review articles have been written recently examining jury power.

MGN: Don, along these lines, I understand you have many notable quotes from our Founding Fathers on this issue. Would you share a few of these "expert opinions" with us?

Don: Yes of course. John Adams, who became the second U.S. President in 1771, said of the juror: "It is not only his right, but his duty...to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court." Quoted in Yale Law Journal 74 (1964):173.

Consider what Thomas Jefferson said, in a letter to Thomas Paine, 1789: "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

"...(T)he right of the jury to decide questions of law was widely recognized in the colonies. In 1771, John Adams stated unequivocally that a juror should ignore a judge's instructions on the law if it violates fundamental principles: 'It is not only...(the juror's) right, but his duty, in that case, to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court.' There is much evidence of the general acceptance of this principle in the period immediately after the Constitution was adopted." Note (anon.), The Changing Role of the Jury in the Nineteenth Century, Yale Law Journal 74 (1964):173.

"During the first third of the nineteenth century, ...judges frequently charged juries that they were the judges of law as well as the fact they were not bound by the judge's instructions. A charge that the jury had the right to consider the law had a corollary at the level of trial procedure: counsel had the right to argue the law—its interpretation and its validity—to the jury." Note (anon.), The Changing Role of the Jury in the Nineteenth Century, Yale Law Journal 74, (1964):174.

MGN: Why haven't the American people heard about "jury rights" before?

Don: Until recently, few lawyers, law professors, and legal writers have even been aware of the doctrine. The level of awareness in the general public has been at least as low, though some efforts have been made for the last two or three decades to spread the word. Until FIJA came on the scene four years ago, however, mass communication of this knowledge was rare. That is now beginning to change. We believe we have already reached several million citizens.

MGN: Don, based on what you have said, FIJA is suggesting to the American people that our country should come out of a long bout of "legal amnesia" and reintroduce to our courts a procedure that has been used in England and also in our country during its first 100 years. Are you suggesting that jurors are actually our nations "final legislators" and that they can legally and finally over-ride a "bad law"...even bad gun laws?

Don: We are not suggesting that jurors are a "mini legislature," because they do not have the power to make or repeal laws, nor do their decisions count as legal precedents. They are not obliged to explain why they reached a given verdict, so there is no official way to separate their opinion of the law from their opinion of the evidence. But a given jury, in a given case, can refuse to convict a defendant regardless of the law and regardless of the evidence or the instructions of the judge. If the jury's decision is unanimous, its decision is final and may not be appealed.

Short Biography of Don Doig

Don Doig was born in Bozeman, Montana. A 1972 graduate of Montana State University (B.S. in Microbiology and B.S. in Premedicine), he worked toward a Ph.D. in microbiology, specializing in research on leukemia.

He decided his time would be more productively spent working to improve the political climate in this country, which he has done as a writer and researcher for think tanks, and as a political activist, in between stints as a professional chef.

He is co-founder and National Coordinator for the Fully Informed Jury Association, based in the tiny town of Helmville, in the mountains of western Montana.

Jurors should also be aware that the judge may require them to take what amounts to a false oath to follow the law as the judge explains it, but that oath is not enforceable. They cannot be forced by oath or otherwise, to vote against their consciences. They should remember that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and any law which violates it is null and void (Marbury vs. Madison).

MGN: So then what is needed is to put the concept of a fully informed jury into law? If it becomes law, should that be state law, federal law, or both? If it becomes law, what will happen to our judicial process and would this nation be fixing something that may not be broken? Lastly, wouldn't irresponsible use of this "juror's option" invite legal chaos?

Don: FIJA is working (for now at least) on changing state law amending state constitutions to require fully informed and fully empowered common law juries.

Jury veto power is an information feedback mechanism by which legislators can learn which laws are supported by the people and will be enforced, and which are not. They will then face powerful incentives to repeal unpopular laws. We have had a century's accumulation of laws which have not been reviewed by citizen juries, and it is likely that those which are viewed as repressive, or victimless, or injurious to freedom will not be enforced. I believe this will help preserve our rapidly vanishing liberty.

In fact, I believe that trial by jury is the (peaceful) enforcement mechanism for the Bill of Rights. Since the Bill of Rights is a limitation on the power of the government, it seems reasonable to suppose that the Founders would not have left it primarily up to the government to enforce it. Indeed, they expected that juries would protect the rights of the people from usurpations of power by the government, which they otherwise feared.

Of course the power can be used irresponsibly, and we encourage its responsible use. This is the price of freedom: either we empower ordinary citizens or we empower elites to rule over us. We can't have it both ways. The combined judgment of twelve ordinary citizens, and their combined memory of the evidence is likely to be more reliable than that of one judge. And judges, being employees of the government, tend to acquire habits of thought that do not favor a presumption of innocence on the part of the defendant. They become hardened and sometimes downright corrupt. I prefer juries who are the most respected and least corrupt of any institution of government.

We sometimes hear it argued that jurors could then increase charges against a defendant beyond what he has been charged with. But no, they couldn't. Jurors have never had the power to do that, and a conviction which goes against the evidence can be dismissed by the judge or reversed on appeal. (This is not true of acquittals.)

Don: At a recent annual NRA convention the delegates voted to endorse FIJA. This is quite a vote of confidence for your program from the delegates of a three+ million member organization. In addition, I understand that Larry Pratt, founder of Gun Owners of America (GOA), not only supports FIJA, but serves on your Board of Directors. Now with that level of pro-gun support for FIJA in mind, I would like to turn to the issue of how it might apply to Second Amendment issues.

MGN: Let's focus on state gun laws and FIJA for a moment. During the last three years various states have passed gun laws which are restrictive, and in some states these laws include confiscation. Let's look at three examples: a. California: There is a law that says all semi-automatic rifles must be registered or the rifles will be confiscated and the owner prosecuted. b. Morton Grove, IL: There is a law that says it is illegal for anyone in this town to own a handgun. c. New Jersey: There is a law that says all semi-automatic rifles are banned unless rendered inoperable. Do these three states have a fully informed jury clause in their state constitutions, what are the specific wordings and, given this information, how would a fully informed jury make a difference in each state?

Don: Illinois does not now have a jury nullification clause in its constitution, and California fairly recently repealed its. New Jersey does, under "libel and sedition" (Art. 1, sec. 6). These sections usually read something like, "the jury is the judge of (or deter-

mines) the facts and the law, in libel and sedition cases." Sometimes the concluding clause reads "as in all other cases" — this is true in Texas, Tennessee, and Delaware. About 20 states have nullification clauses in the libel and sedition section of their constitutions, and four (Maryland, Indiana, Oregon, and Georgia) have separate provisions covering all criminal trials. At this time, jury nullification is not officially sanctioned in courtroom practice in any state, because all states are ignoring whatever provisions might exist in their constitutions.

MGN: So all states are ignoring whatever provisions that might exist in their state constitutions. (This is a useful and informative piece of information for gun owners to know.) Now as you mentioned, not all state constitutions have amendments or clauses similar to the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment. Would the fully informed jury option work in those states lacking such protective clauses?

Don: Yes, jurors could protect individual rights even in the absence of a constitution, providing the institution of trial by jury is functioning properly and is not being suppressed or constrained by the judicial system. What ultimately counts is reliance upon individual judgment and conscience with the law perhaps accepted as a guideline.

MGN: So the Brady Bill and other anti-gun laws could get the "thumbs down" by a fully informed jury even if the states constitution lacks a "Jury Nullification Clause." (This is another nugget of information!) Now let's turn, if we may, to Federal laws. There are bills pending in the Congress to ban the production of and ownership of high capacity magazines, various types of bullets, such as .25 ACP and 9mm and a host of similar laws designed to restrict,

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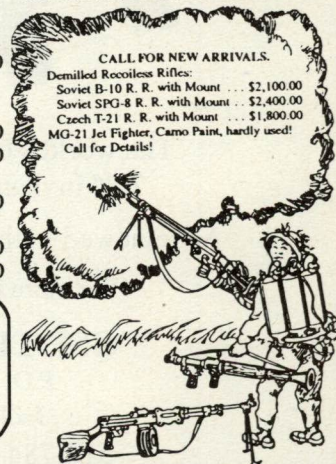
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control, or eliminate private ownership of firearms under the disguise that such laws would reduce or eliminate the drug problem or violent street crimes. How would a fully informed jury work in favor of the Second Amendment if these bills become national law?

Don: If enough people understand and exercise their rights as fully informed jurors, I would predict it would be very difficult to get convictions on gun charges even in places like Morton Grove, because it only takes one juror in twelve to refuse to convict, and thereby to stop the prosecution. That works out to 8.3% of the population. So if there is, in the population of an area, only one out of twelve who supports gun rights, that one in twelve is enough to "hang" most gun control trials. This is the general mechanism by which "minority" rights (yours 'n' mine) are protected from mass-media generated hysteria.

MGN: Your comments suggest to me that, by increasing membership in FIJA and pro-gun organizations in one's local community and registering to vote to be eligible for jury duty, each person can then make a positive difference for all gun owners in their community. If a sufficient number of jurors threw out a sufficient number of similar anti-gun cases, do you think politicians would finally get the message and repeal those laws which clearly lack public support at the local, state, or federal level?

Don: Yes, that would be my prediction. Failed trials are expensive and embarrassing for the government. It was the refusal of juries to convict Prohibition violators which forced the repeal of the Prohibition amendment.

MGN: Then why would a fully informed jury law be necessary? Couldn't the presiding judge just be asked to instruct the jurors on

the issue of jurors' rights?

Don: A great many defendants over the last two or three decades have requested jury nullification instructions from the judge, and these requests are almost always denied. Once asked, the judge is aware that the defense will be trying for a nullification decision, and may seek to keep the defense from mentioning it, and intimidate the jury from considering it.

MGN: Are you aware of any cases nationwide where the fully informed jury device was used where it affected the outcome of a pro-gun trial?

Don: The Bernhard Goetz trial comes to mind. The jurors acquitted him on the attempted murder charges and probably would not have convicted him on the gun charges if they had known their rights. Neal Knox relates a case in which a skeet shooter and part-time licensed federal gun dealer was charged with technical paperwork violation of the Gun Control Act, for loaning and transferring shotguns at the range rather than on his premises. These were expensive shotguns. He was facing 88 felony charges worth \$440,000 and 440 years in prison. The jury found him "not guilty" even though he openly admitted his guilt.

Don, on behalf of MGN readers we thank you for your comments and insights. (Readers interested in more information may call Don at (406) 793-5550 or write to FIJA, P.O. Box 59, Helmsville, MT 59843. For a free information packet, call 1-800-TEL-JURY, to leave your name and address on a tape.)

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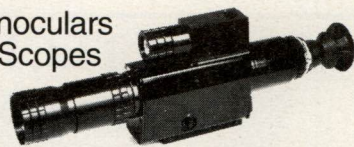
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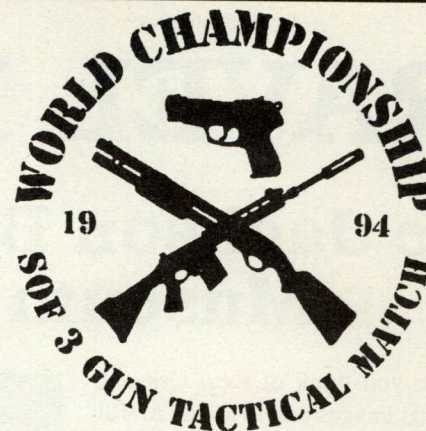
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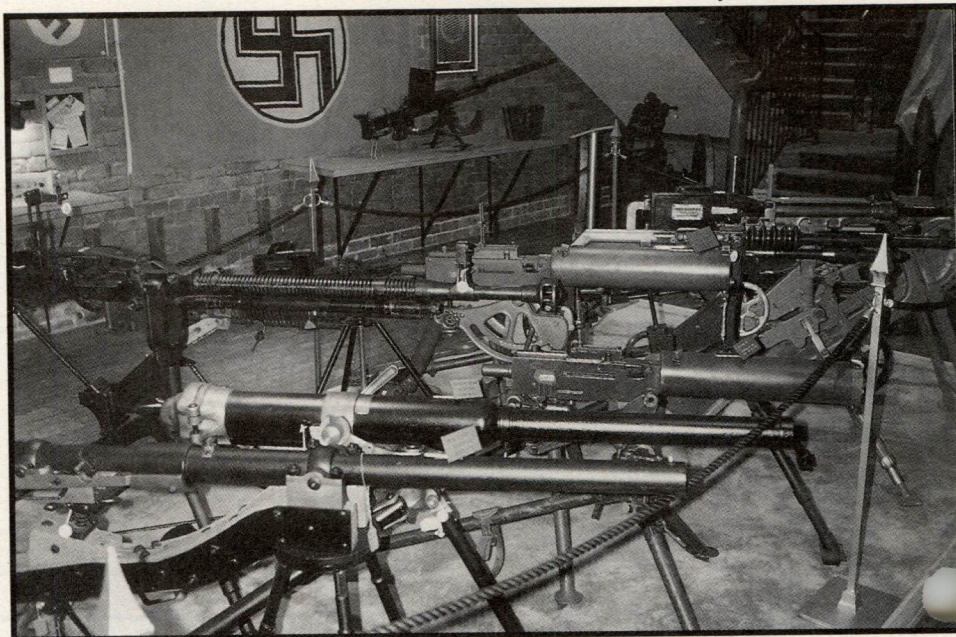
by MARK BARHAM

When you think of New Orleans, what images pop to mind? Mardi Gras, great jazz, fabulous creole cuisine? Don't forget machine guns! Just three miles from the French Quarter, and only one mile from the Chalmette Battlefield (where the Battle Of New Orleans was fought) is a museum that displays an extensive collection of arms and artifacts from conflicts that America has been engaged in, from the American Revolution to Desert Storm. The collection on display includes an impressive array of machine guns.

The Jackson Barracks Military History Museum is housed in the powder magazine of Jackson Barracks. The museum was founded in 1974 as the official Louisiana National Guard Museum. The building housing the museum, erected in 1837, is listed in the National Register of Historical Places. The grounds of the museum are adorned with a formidable assortment of tanks, jets, artillery pieces and helicopters of varied vintage. A half track with quad-mounted 50s immediately catches the eye of the Class 3 enthusiast.

As you approach the entry of the museum, a Huey helicopter rests in the courtyard separating the two display buildings. Take the covered walk to the left and you will find displays from the American Revolution to WWII. The building to the right houses displays from WWII to Desert Storm.

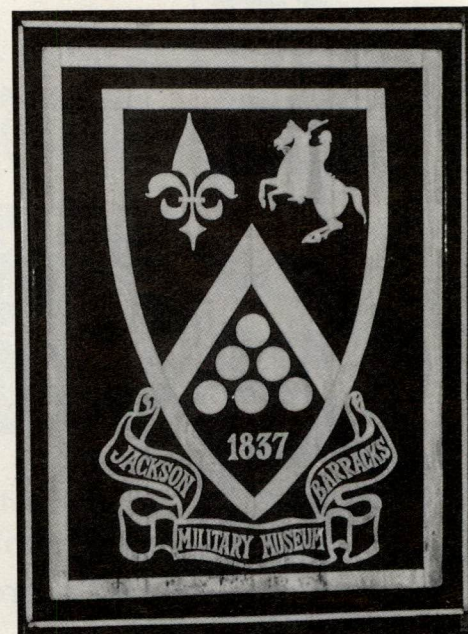
One of the most impressive things in the older wing is a diorama of a French Renault 6 ton tank overrunning a German machine gun nest defended by an 08-15 Maxim and an 08 Maxim on a Schlitten mount. A wide variety of predominantly belt-fed automatic weapons are on display on their appropriate mounts in the center of this section. A French St. Etienne, a Marlin "Potato Digger," several 1917 Brownings, Maxims and Vickers grace this area, along with several heavy Japanese and Russian pieces. Not to be ignored are the strip-fed Modele 1914 Hotchkiss and the very similar Japanese Taisio 3rd year heavy



machine guns. For the automotive fan, there is a pristine operational 1917 U.S. Army Cadillac touring car. The periphery of the room is lined with displays of weapons and artifacts arranged by conflict. These display cases hold a majority of the light machine guns and sub-machine guns used in each war, as well as many period pistols and rifles. They are all nicely labeled.

Currently nearing completion in the more modern wing is a full-sized replica of a side gunner's port from a B-17, featuring an air-cooled 50 caliber RIA Browning. Recently completed is a diorama featuring Operation Desert Storm. While many of the weapons on display are in cases, a substantial number are displayed so that they can be closely examined. The M2 50 caliber watercooled Browning on the M63 mount (Tora, Tora, Tora!) looks ready to confront a wave of hostile incoming aircraft.

If your travels take you to the New Orleans area, this museum is most definitely worth a visit. Jackson Barracks Military History Museum is located at 6400 St. Claude Avenue in New Orleans. Admission is free. The museum is open to the public



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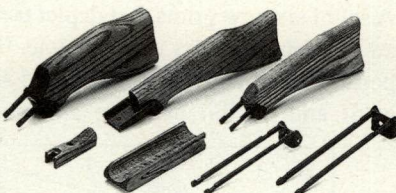
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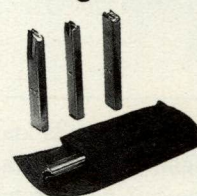
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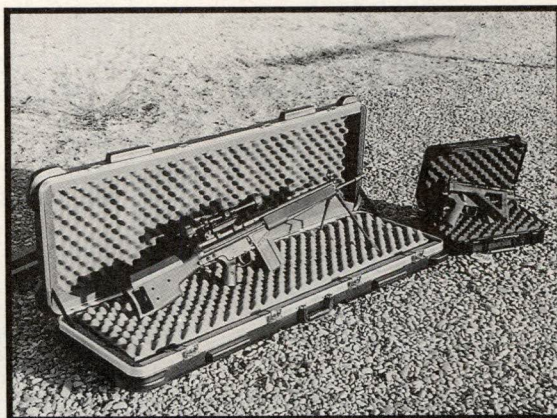
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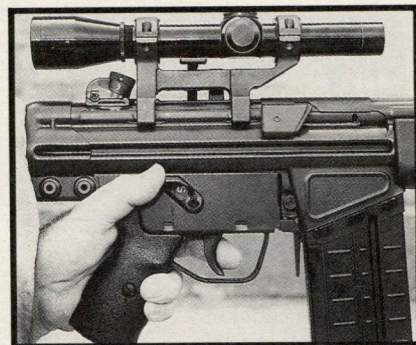
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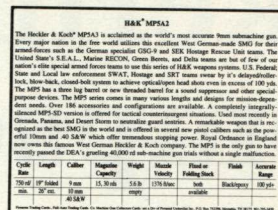
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Tinkering With Thompsons



by JIM KLODZINSKI of GUNMACHINES
Preparing for the Future: TSMG Replacement Parts.

Over the last six years I have received many inquiries from TSMG owners about TSMG parts they ought to have extras of in case parts breakage or future unavailability. Since my customers and those who read my column are TSMG owners who generally shoot their Thompsons a great deal, rather than being primarily collectors, it is understandable that they want to be in a position to keep their TSMG going. It has been in the back of my mind for some time to write a column about this. With the extreme ideas put forth by the anti-gunners in this country (magazine capacity and even the curtailment of replacement parts) it seems to me the time may be upon us for prudent TSMG owners to stock certain parts in order to assure the long-term use of their particular TSMG.

I certainly do not wish to fan the fires of panic buying in the firearm parts and accessories market; and, indeed, many of the provisions put forth by the anti-gunners may not be successful in this session of Congress. Nevertheless, a concerned Thompson owner may wish to be prepared and stock some items. Also, notwithstanding the legal situation, the ready availability of some Thompson parts has decreased over the years. Although this does not, with one or two exceptions, pertain to parts basically necessary to keep the Thompson firing.

One of the main reasons I recommend the Thompson for those who wish to get into fully-automatic sub-gun shooting is that, other than the barrel, springs and a Lyman rearsight (if your TSMG has one), anything necessary to keep your Thompson shooting can be made in a basically equipped shop. It may be expensive and time consuming to duplicate a particular part, but it can be done (a cracked receiver can be repaired by a competent welder). Even the springs could be duplicated by a

company dealing in springs. A barrel maker could duplicate a Thompson barrel; and a basic rear sight could be used in place of a Lyman original. Stocks and pistol grips can also be duplicated by someone skilled in stockmaking or woodworking. Also, under extreme emergency conditions, the TSMG can function without some parts. Notwithstanding this, the parts you may need can be gotten now, thereby saving yourself much hassle and grief in the future.

Level A: As an absolute minimum and for all TSMG Models, 1921, 1928, M1, and M1A1 (except where specified), I recommend having on hand the following: one extractor; one ejector, one hammer pin; one firing pin (1921, 1928, M1), one set of internal replacement springs (magazine catch spring, trigger spring, sear spring, sear lever spring, firing pin spring, disconnect spring and frame latch spring); and three recoil springs; two or three buffer pads for M1 and M1A1 Models; one frame latch; and one sear.

The spare parts kit that were available for the original 1921 and 1928 TSMGs from Auto Ordnance prior to World War II contained one extractor, one firing pin, one firing pin spring, one hammer pin, one sear spring, one sear lever spring and one trigger spring. However, based on my experience and discussions with a great many Thompson shooters I recommend expanding this basic package to include what I have listed under Level A.

Level B: one barrel (and a set of barrel blocks for changing the barrel), one bolt, one actuator (1921, 1928); one blish lock (h-piece, standard or lugless, 1921, 1928).

Level C: one pilot (recoil spring guide), whether standard or telescoping, and two or three fiber discs (original 1921), or two or three buffer pads (for Gunmachines' telescoping pilot).

Level D: one disconnect; one trip, one rocker, one pivot plate, one breech oiler

(1921, 1928).

Level E: one semi-finished or 80% receiver; one ring type front sight and one "L" type rear sight.

The various levels of parts listed generally correspond to those parts most subject to wear and the frequency of parts breakage, based on my own experience and conversations with numerous TSMG shooters over the last six years. Each TSMG shooter however, may wish to stock more of one part than the other based on his analysis of the Thompson and the ease of having a particular part fabricated. For example, it might be wise to have two or three of the parts listed under Level A, and perhaps two bolts, two barrels and actuators.

One might want to consider just purchasing a complete parts set together with a few extra parts. Please note that a M1A1 parts set can be used with a 1921 or 1928, except for the bolt, cocking handle, ejector, pilot and buffer (you will need the 1928 or 1921 versions of these parts). The trigger frames will interchange as well as the remaining parts, though you will not have the option of the removable stock. Also a 1928 frame will fit and function on a M1/M1A1.

An extra set of wood and various miscellaneous screws might also want to be considered. As for magazines, it may be wise to stock up now, whether they be stick or drum magazines.

Also the Thompson owner ought to certainly consider having the basic military manuals, *The Gun That Made The Twenties Roar* by Helmer and the *Gunmachines 13-Step Trouble-Shooting Manual*, as well as any other literature about the Thompson which deals with how to disassemble, reassemble it or other information about the Thompson to keep it working.

The amount of rounds you put through your Thompson on a yearly basis will also

have a bearing on which parts you may need for replacement or how many of a specific part you may wish to have on hand. However, a particular part may break immediately only after a few thousand rounds due to it having been a defective part to begin with. This situation might also be kept in mind.

Generally speaking, the parts listed under Level A are still plentiful and relatively inexpensive. Level B parts, except for actuators, are available at various prices depending on the supplier and the condition of the part. After market 1928 cast actuators are available but quality condition 1928 actuators of wartime production seem to be not as plentiful but yet are still available. Level C parts are available, except of 21 original pilots and the discs. (Substitute 21 pilots are available from Gunmachines.) Level D items are readily available, except breech oilers. Level E items are available from selected sources and the sights listed are available in quantity from various sources. Please keep in mind that this list of availability is based with my familiarity with what is offered via the *Shotgun News* and *Machine Gun News* and discussions with my customers. As a minimum insurance policy though, the TSMG shooters should have a set of Level A parts on hand.

I would suggest contacting the following sources as places to begin:

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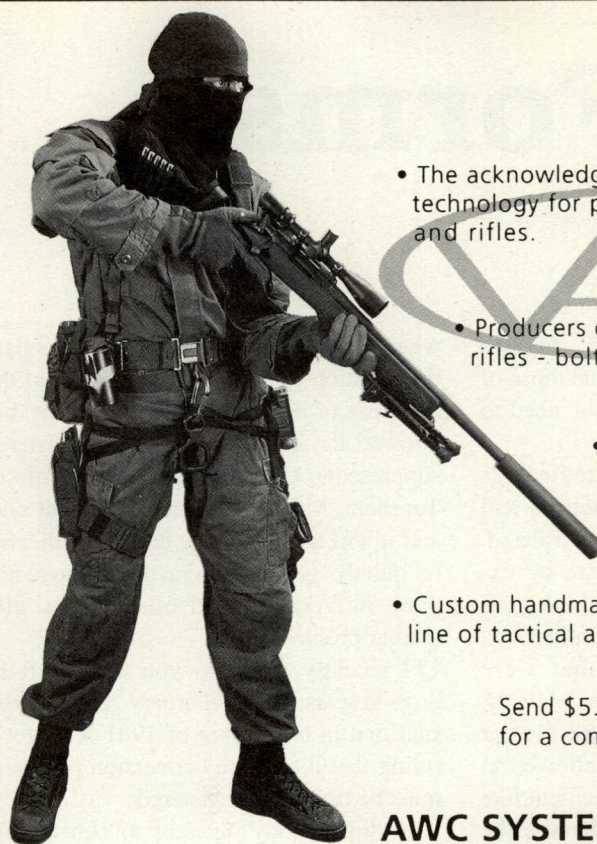
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The Forms

by DAN SHEA

Lots of questions coming in... first we have some information that those of you in the Class 3 world have the need to know:

As of 15 March '94, any future findings of fraudulent manufacturing practices will result in confiscation of the contraband. Say what? Allow me to translate by example. The Stemple M-60 machine guns that were found to have been manufactured after 1986, using numbers that were registered on a Form 2 PRIOR to May 19, 1986, were changed to Post-86 Dealer Samples, and the owners were allowed to keep them. If there is another incident like that, the firearms will be considered to be fraudulently manufactured, and they will be confiscated. I strongly suggest that potential owners check out the "pedigree" of any firearms that they are preparing to lay out money for. If the paperwork says the firearm is an M-60/Sten MKII, or an HK Sear/Sterling, or a 1919A4/Bren, back off. ATF is fully intending to purge the system of "contraband" firearms. Caveat Emptor, folks.

Info for you Vermonters and anyone transferring suppressors into the Green Mountain State...the hunting regulations stipulate a \$25 fine for possession of "sound mufflers or moderators" for a firearm. This law, like the old Maine hunting law, was not intended to keep law-abiding citizens from owning registered NFA firearms. It was intended to make jacking deer and bear with a suppressor illegal. There isn't even a provision for confiscation. I envision a scene where the wardens keep showing up at someone's house, asking if there is still a suppressor on the premises, then putting the hand out for \$25 bucks. ATF, who must try to comply with the various and sundry state regulations, has stopped allowing suppressor transfers into Vermont. Until the citizens of Vermont manage to get some language maintenance into the law to clarify things, only transfers to Class 3 dealers with a law enforcement demonstration request letter will be approved. What we did in Maine,

where we had a similar situation, was pass the addition of language that enforced the illegality of hunting with a suppressor, but allowed the ownership of NFA registered suppressors. Class 3 dealer Andy Cote of Topsham, ME, led the charge on that one, and it will take someone equally dedicated to quietly get the language maintenance done in Vermont and other states with similar problems.

Q I recently wrote to you about AR-15 drop-in sears. In the February "Forms" you said that in November of 1981 ATF got a ruling that they were conversion parts and must be taxed and registered.

I did not buy my sear to convert my AR-15. I have registered machine guns to shoot, but if I want to go ahead and pay the tax on the sear how do I go about it? Then it would be taxed, even if I am not going to put it into service.

If ATF knows that millions of the sears were manufactured before Nov. '81, that's before May '86, why would they not make provision to register them, so they would know who has them? After all, if somebody was going to use the sear to commit a crime, they would not pay them \$200 to do it.

Sincerely yours,
James B.

A I don't believe that there are "millions" of them out there. Certainly "thousands" anyway, each a felony waiting to happen. It is not possible for an individual to pay the tax and file a Form 1 to manufacture a machine gun anymore. That went out the window in 1986. As it stands, if you can prove it was manufactured before November 1981, you can own it. But, only if you do not have possession of an AR-15 semi. You can't use it, and it is an invitation to trouble. These laws have nothing to do with crime control, believe it or not...they are rooted in the taxation authority of the Federal government. Where the position of the ATF is on these issues is pretty much incomprehensible at the moment. They know what they are supposed to do according to the Left-wing politicians in charge,

but constitutionality is slipping away each day. If they won't collect the tax, then they have no authority—that's been reaffirmed several times. Yet, the prosecutions keep rolling and being upheld. I strongly suggest that people stay in compliance—don't skirt the dangers of being prosecuted by purchasing questionable items. Buy fully transferable, registered NFA firearms.

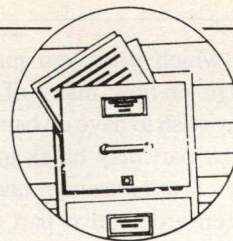
Q I'm a Type I FFL holder and own several registered machine guns and suppressors. These weapons were acquired by me through Class 3 dealers via Form 4, \$200 tax paid, etc. According to the latest copy of the Federal Firearms Regulations (1988-89 is my last copy), 178.125a states that a licensed dealer is not required to record a Form 4473 for disposition of a firearm into his personal collection. Is this also true with Title II firearms? When taking acquisition of the Title II items, I simply entered disposition to myself in my "bound book." I plan to let my license expire and would like to know the correct procedures for "exiting" the business and not violate any paperwork requirements concerning my Title II firearms.

Thanks,
SRB

A You have the procedure down right, with one exception. Current ATF thought in some regions is that you are a separate individual as regards to the 4473. They expect a dealer to sign out a 4473 for each firearm removed from inventory for personal use. I don't believe it's called for, but I do it in order to make sure there is no question that I have followed all the procedures.

Q I requested and received a sample copy of *MGN*, and definitely intend to subscribe. As a novice, I see that I have a great deal to learn.

I noticed in your "letters" column that a gentleman inquired about the private ownership of machine guns for a holder of a Curios and Relics license. He happened to live in South Carolina and you gave him a very detailed answer regarding his state. Could you please give me the same infor-



mation about my state, Illinois? You may find this hard to believe, but since I am not a native of Illinois, I have inquired of the Police and the State's Attorney's office, and cannot get any information as to whether my Curios and Relics license will entitle me to own any of the firearms on the list.

Also, in the event the answer is negative, as was the response to the South Carolina gentleman, could you give me some information as to what license(s) would be required for ownership in the state? I am genuinely interested only in curios and relics, but if I needed to upgrade the license to include a wider spectrum of automatic firearms, I would consider doing so.

I am attaching a return envelope as well as five dollars. This is in payment for any article or pamphlet that you might have that would help educate me.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Tom T.

A In keeping with our normal procedures, your five bucks was used for pizza. Regarding Illinois, you may purchase "Any Other" category firearms that are on the C&R list. Cane guns, pen guns, Marble's gamegetter, Ithaca AutoBurglar, etc. As an individual you may purchase the above, as well as any of the new manufacture AOW's, including the Witness Protection-type shotguns. If you obtained a Class 3 license, you could have all of the NFA firearms except suppressors. I need to remind you that obtaining a Federal Firearms License for the purpose of furthering a private collection is illegal. If you are going to get the license, get into the business.

Q I am the legal owner of a select-fire Colt M16. I live in the state of Ohio. When I purchased my rifle I lived in a county where ownership was legal. Recently I have moved to an adjoining county where ownership is also legal. My question is this: Do I have to notify ATF that the address on my Form 4 is no longer valid or is the Form 4 always good for residence inside of the state as long as ownership is applicable with local, state, and federal laws? If I do have to change the address, will I need to go through the CLEO (Chief Law Enforcement Officer) of the county where I now live all over again? I do own a Machine Gun Dealers Bible (an excellent book I might add) but if the answer is in here it eludes me. Tell everyone at MGN to keep up the

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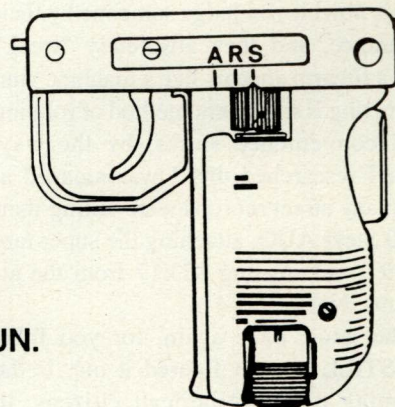
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Q I noticed the enclosed article in the Los Angeles Times and thought it might interest you. Having a philologist's appreciation for language, and a soldier's passion for nomenclature, I wondered if the firearms mentioned here really are machine guns, as Secretary Bentsen claims. (Following was a list of semi autos.)

Incidentally, I noticed that the proposed Feinstein ban contains a list of "lethal characteristics," including bayonet lugs. Do you know of any instances in our country in recent memory (say, since the War between the States!) where someone has attacked someone else with a bayonet mounted on the end of a rifle? I am inclined to believe that this is a rare event.

Sincerely,
James H.

A Sorry to hear about the "philologist" affliction, hopefully it's not debilitating. No, they're not machine guns, they just look like machine guns. It's funny how the liberals howl if you judge someone by their appearance, and they absolutely "freak" when a firearm appears like a machine gun. Bayoneting is a frequent method of robbing small convenience stores, by the way. When I researched this I was amazed at how many street morons were taking their \$5000 Steyr AUG, attaching the super rare bayonet, and stealing \$53.17 from the attendants. Not.

The issue, once again, for you folks who STILL haven't figured it out, is the disarming of the American citizens, in order to have them helpless before the encroachment of the Socialist Dream state, A la Bill and Hillary. If we don't have the guns, we can't resist them. Very Simple. Call all your friends and neighbors, and get them to organize the march on your State Capitol—Saturday, July 2 1994. Call Gun Owners of America at 1-800-466-0200 to find out the local number for your state. Stand Tall, people.

Q I would like to give you my experience that has some relevance to Michael V.'s letter in "The Forms" and your response

concerning the local law enforcement signature in the February 1994 issue.

I live in Northern Virginia where the only law enforcement signature is the one provided by the Fairfax County Sheriff. Something happened that changed the sheriff's mind and he refused to sign any new forms. The man who sold the AKM to Kani, the man who killed three (?) in front of the CIA headquarters and then fled to Afghanistan, was one of his deputy sheriffs who was working part time at the gun store.

My submitted Form 5 therefore was returned to me unsigned with the explanation that the sheriff was going through a process of re-examination.

I am involved in local Republican politics — by that I mean I attend local and state Republican political fund raising functions and am known by sight by some of our local politicians as well as our state senator. At one function, after six months waiting for the sheriff to make up his mind, I explained to my state senator the problem that I have with getting the sheriff's signature. I explained that I did not want to go through the process of a lawsuit but I wanted the signature. The senator told me that she would talk to the sheriff. I thanked her for any help she could provide.

Within two days, the sheriff called me and told me that he would gladly sign my Form 5 and that I would have no problem getting his signature. I thanked him. I resubmitted my Form 5 and it was returned to me signed within the week.

What is astonishing is that two weeks later I attended the local Republican political convention. While I was registering, imagine my surprise when the sheriff came over—shook my hand and told me that I would have no problems henceforth getting his signature.

I am not trying to brag about how I used the system to get my Form 5 signed. The whole point of this letter is to emphasize the importance of becoming involved in local and state politics. By being involved in political activities, we machine gunners will become known to the local politicians and law enforcement officials. The more the politicians see us the more they will come to realize that we are decent human beings who are also machine gun enthusiasts and not some wild-eyed nuts. They will also come to recognize machine guns in our hands would not be a threat to society.

Therefore, I strongly urge all machine gunners to become involved in local

politics and let's put a very human face to the Second Amendment.

Keep up the good work.
Sam L.

A The power of being out there in the political arena can not be underestimated. This is not the first story I have heard of someone using the "good old boy" system of getting a signature. Sure it's favoritism. On the other hand, it does change the politicians' and the public's perception of the Class 3 enthusiast when they meet us in a positive manner. Don't think that the biker groups that sponsor "Toy Runs" haven't changed the negative public perception of the "biker." That image has been de-fanged in many areas. I also know that if you go to the small town where the North Country Shoot is held, twice a year the economy gets a financial boost from the thousands of Class 3 types filling the hotels, campgrounds, restaurants and stores for three days. And never causing a problem! The local police get hired to help, the local clubs sell sausage subs, and the locals don't mind us at all. (Except for a few die-hard Friends of the Earthworm who hate guns anyway, and when you get to the mountains, we don't listen to them anyway.) I highly recommend getting involved in the political process, even if the only benefit is being considered "alright" for a signature.

Q I have an 01 FFL and operate out of my home. I really enjoy your "Forms" column in *MGN* and the information has helped a lot. I know with the Clinton crowd and ATF I might be "history" as I don't have a storefront business.

After the HCI five-year plan that appeared in the last *MGN* (I know where this came from and am sure it's authentic), and then the March '94 American Rifleman, I'm starting to wonder where I stand concerning the Gun-Free-School Zones Act of 1990 which bans firearms within 1000 feet of a school since my house is 550 feet from a school per planning and zoning.

Any help you could be on this as I'm really afraid to contact ATF for fear they will make an unwanted appearance. I've been trying to figure this out through some attorneys I know. One is a neighbor and a C&R Licensee and he's within 1000 feet also. I've also written NRA-ILA but so far no answer.

I raised this question to another attorney I know who is the mayor of a small town where one of their police officers was murdered by a juvenile punk with a Raven pistol, when the officer stopped him in a

pistol, when the officer stopped him in a stolen car. This was on the school grounds itself. Locally, neither the county prosecutor or the state AG is aware of this situation at all.

One interesting fact in this whole mess is that the punk's mother and boyfriend have recently been enlightened by a federal grand jury about the illegality of making a straw purchase of the handgun that they gave to the boy (to further his gang activity).

Any CFR cited, etc. would be appreciated so we can research this further.

Also, we in the Idaho front are fighting legislation requiring a state firearms dealer license to fund an instant check under Brady. First of all we feel that the funding should come from the general fund, not a dealer license.

Still a lot of interest in MK-760's that work right here, have referred five or six people to you -

Thanks,
Howard W.

The teeth were pulled from that gun free school zone recently. The intent was, of course, to harass firearms owners, not to stop school violence. I am sorry to hear that the officer being shot, but I am ecstatic about the "Straw Man" indictment....My congratulations to the ATF personnel involved, thanks for restoring my faith. I was beginning to think that "Straw Man" rule was going to be used strictly for setting up legitimate dealers. Hopefully this is highly publicized in your area.

Your gun-free 1000 feet zone has been ruled unconstitutional in one federal court so far. I don't expect it to survive another challenge. We had previously reported on that in MGN. I suggest some contact with the NRA—Institute for Legislative Action.

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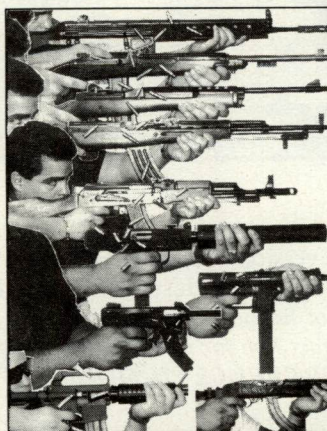
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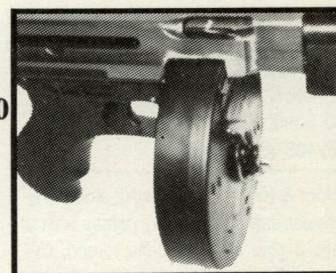
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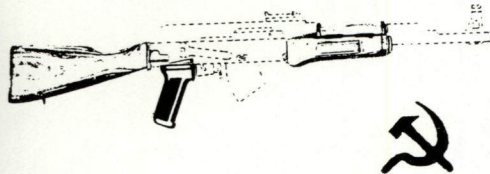
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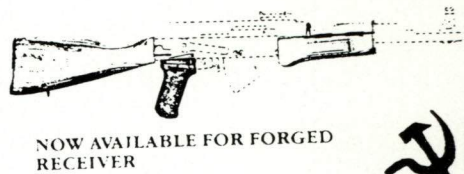
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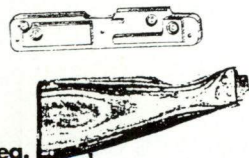


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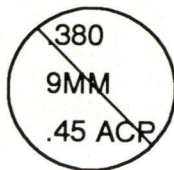
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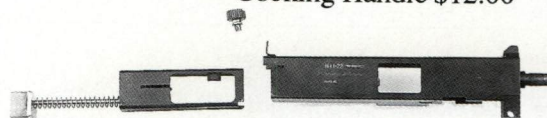
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