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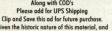


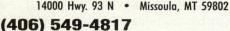








































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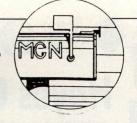


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THANK YOU, MR. CLINTON

Go figure. The Clinton administration is destroying historical surplus military firearms at the Defense Logistic Agency in Anniston, AL. Being shipped in from China and other countries, are their surplus military firearms. American taxpayers are paying to destroy collectible firearms instead of having them sold to Americans at a higher price than what they cost to have them made! Say "thanks" to Bill Clinton.

D.S.

DARK TIMES AHEAD

With the recent barrage of gun confiscation and prohibition laws being passed and considered by the Federal and many of the State governments, I really have passed the point of true pessimism with regards to the future of our firearms freedom. For that matter, I'm becoming extremely pessimistic about the remainder of our freedoms as well.

Dutch Hillenburg, in the July '94 issue of MGN (Gardening at Night; The Arms Cache) touches upon a supremely important topic. Not simply being able to hide your weapons effectively from the Federal Gestapo, but also being able to, when worst comes to worse, being able to do something about the Federal Gestapo.

Presently, what are the laws pertaining to the establishment of a LEGAL, peacefully-training militia? At the rate things are going with the establishment of the New World Order and a UN-dominated United States government, we may have less time then we realize before the unthinkable becomes a reality. Also, do you know of any organizations that are legally operated which would help in establishing paramilitary militia cells "just in case?"

Thanks! Keep up the fight... J.G., Pennsylvania

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Have fun and be safe! Dan Varner, KCR

EVERYONE LOVES MGN

Seems like between your place and mine, some SOB likes my copy of MGN. As I subscribe to about six various publications, I did not notice my April '94 issue missing until I was putting the June issue in my three ring binder. Guess from now on, I will have to keep a checklist by the reading lamp. I hope who ever got my copy has an education about things. Good thing you send in a plain wrapper, otherwise nobody would get their issues. I enjoy the magazine and news. Guess I'll soon be burying my stuff, guns and ammo some time in the future, in case they get more goofy thinking in D.C.

Regards, R.D.

PRESS RELEASE

Black Gun Video of Nashua, New Hampshire, is pleased to announce the videotaped presentation of investigative journalist Jim Pate's keynote address on Waco and Ruby Ridge at the 1994 Governor of New Hampshire annual basquet. Pate has written extensively on the Waco and Ruby Ridge (Randy Weaver) incidents in Gun Week, Soldier of Fortune, and other magazines. Gun owners, and all

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MAC AUCTION

Re: June's MAC article ed note about and upcoming interview on the Powder Springs MAC auction. Dr. Erbele wound up with a large amount of Powder Springs guns and parts. Upon his death, his daughter auctioned his estate's guns in Sep. 1988. The enclosed brochure shows the estate included 156 .45-cal. M10s, 18 M10s with matching serial numbered suppressors, some 9mm M10s, two .380-cal M10s, stingers and parts, two H&R Reisings, and a Hurley TSMG.

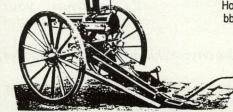
While the '88 Erbele auction may not have had the drama of the '76 Powder Springs auction, it was pretty exciting to be in a room with 200 full-auto weapons for le to the highest bidder. The atmosphere is sort of like the subgunner's equivalent to the waiting room at the Mustang Ranch, i.e. high-testosterone rife with anticipation and uncertainty as to what you might get flavored with the possibility of pleasure beyond belief (I think this simile got out of hand). One College Park Georgia policeman was on guard with a locked and loaded M16 and another was armed appropriately with a MAC in a



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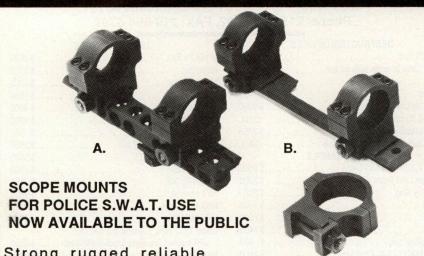
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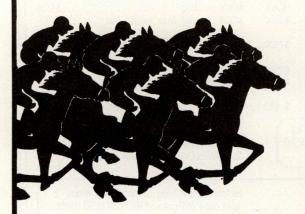
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The impact of the '86 ban on market pricing was unclear at that point and bidders were hoping, wrongly, for bargains. Much of the bidding was quite spirited. The .45-cal M10s were bid in the \$550-\$750 range and the suppressors in the \$100-\$160 range. The .380 MAC went for over \$1000. The Reisings were of little interest and were bid out at less than \$500.

I think all participants would have agreed that more auctions and fewer regulations are clearly wanted.

K.D.

BAD FIRST IMPRESSION

For a first time attendee, the Knob Creek Machine Gun Show and Shoot this April was certainly exciting. I've never seen so many fine machine guns in one place before. However, the quality and upkeep of the facility was deplorable. The magnitude of trash and junk around the aron Thursday, before the crowds arrive was disgusting. The amount of dust that settled on the hundreds of firearms and related items on display by the exhibitors was abominable.

The number of exhibitors and attendees was quite high. Thus the revenues to the Knob Creek owners for this bi-annual event and previous years' events, from space rental, parking fees, and entry fees is substantial. Until the owners reinvest part of their revenues into improving the quality of the facility, I question the virtues of Machine Gun News promoting the event.

Michael S.

Editor's Note: Please see Dutch Hillenburg's article on page 32 for an explation of the conditions at Knob Creek last spring.

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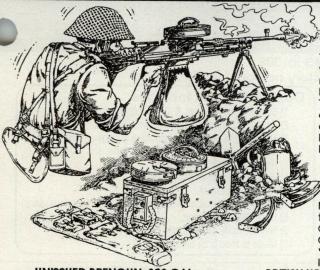
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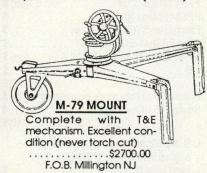
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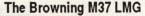


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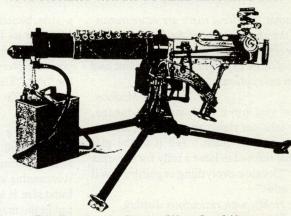
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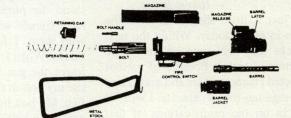
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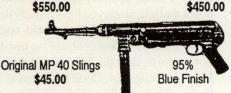
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James Madison

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"Here richly, with ridiculous display, The politician's corpse was laid away. While all of his acquaintance sneered and slanged,

I wept; for I had longed to see him hanged."

- Hilaire Belloc

I'm just a little disgusted with the turncoats in office today. Within the next two weeks they will vote on the future manufacture of certain firearms of various unconnected characteristics and magazines of more than ten-round capacity. I will fill you all in on the ramifications of that foolishness next "Raffica."

Some of our Australian Brothers have indicated that they don't want to follow

American politics. Got news for you, mates. You already do follow us. What the "One-Worlders" do to us seems to show up down under fairly quick, or are you guys a victim of circumstance? Why don't you send us some articles and info on what is going on down there—I hear some of the Territories are wide open for Emma Gees. If you have a good shoot coming up,

maybe some of us can come down and burn a few rounds out with you.

I haven't gotten any response on the "Mystery Photo" of last month, probably because the last issue of MGN was a little late—waiting for legislative news and the state rally information. I'll catch up on it next month, so in the meantime, here's another odd duck for you "flower children" of the 1960's.

You may have noticed Carl Silver's "Focus On: the M-60" was a mite short for such a deep subject. Relax—that was just part one. Carl continues next month, and there will be several other M-60 "takes" as

a side benefit. Al Paulson compares the M-60 to its Daddy, the MG-42, and I'm doing some general BS—20-odd-years experience (very odd years, I might add) with the "Pig." There should be enough to satisfy you '60s freaks out there. Belt Feds Rule!

Q I have a Cobray M11/9 SMG with a problem and I am not getting any satisfaction in dealing with it. The problem is that it is running away. The only way to limit the burst size is to limit how many rounds you put in the magazine.

Now let me tell you what I have done to try and rectify the problem. I called MAC and talked to their trouble shooter. After I replaced the entire trigger group and still had a runaway gun, he did not even understand the phrase "runaway." Anyway, I have friends with M11's and so working with them, I found out some interesting things. When I would use their bolts in my lower, the gun functions fine... when they use my bolt in their lower, their guns work fine. My bolt in my lower with a new trigger group still does not work. I did notice that one of the lowers had little play in the trip versus my lower and the newer M/11 had loose trips. So I am not sure that in and

have acquired a complete set of back issues that I have scoured for information on all these matters. It has also been very helpful to have the back issues for looking up information on guns that I am interested in purchasing.

Sorry this is so long, but I really ap-

Sorry this is so long, but I really appreciate your magazine and all of the info that you all bring to us.

Sincerely, James M.

A Aha, the old "Sputter gun" routine! You want a machine gun and when it goes full auto you complain. There's no satisfying some people. Just load up magazines with all of the possible amounts of ammo you might shoot, and stick the appropriate one in the Mac. Voila, burst control.

Sorry. M-11's bring that out in me. I have an SWD M-11 9mm that has had 22,000 rounds through it, and it was never cleaned until Kent Baker noticed how dirty it was and cleaned it when I wasn't lookir It's never had a part replaced except magazines. I was giving it the "endurance test." It passed. Regards yours, this is going to sound simplistic, but you have two problems. First is your bolt. It's got too much wear and should be replaced. I know,

I know, that one of mine has gone 22K so why should...well, for some reason yours has excessive wear. Now, in another gun, it may not have been a problem. In yours, you have either wear on the receiver (could be a pin hole elongated, or where a part wears against the receiver), that, combined with your bolt, doesn't allow

the sear to block the bolt back. Other options might be—have you tried different ammo? If its underpowered, the bolt may not be coming back far enough to catch. I doubt that's it, since you have already done a lot of troubleshooting. I would take a new-in-box M-11 and compare the installation of parts, then the heights that the sear is at when engaged. Good luck, and at the worst, change the bolt.

MP5 parts list: lots of extractor springs, extractor, ejector, several ejector springs and a spare ejector axle, only because they tend to get "lost." One each of the hammer, primary sear, trigger, and catch. Two each



of itself has anything to do with the runaway.

My bolt did show some wear at the leading edge where it engages the sear so I cleaned that up with a file, yet the problem remained. I also noticed that the rear of the bolt shows significant wear as compared to the newer M/11. Could this be the problem? I have probably fired 2500 rounds through the gun and that seems a little early to have to start replacing things. Also I have a dealer sample MP5 from Germany and I would like to know what replacement parts I should get for that gun, if any. It has an SEF lower and an A3 stock.

I really enjoy your magazine and in fact

of the elbow spring, trigger spring and hammer shank spring. Several buttstock and forend pushpins, cause they get lost, too. her parts would be optional, meaning or trouble was at hand.

Q I thought you would enjoy the enclosed article from the Columbus Dispatch. Maybe other MGN readers would like to read about this company?

> Keep up the great work. Larry C.

A Oooh yes—things that go boom. I'll definitely pass this on to the Rafficarians. In Coolville, Ohio, Paul and Sue Miller run a company called Cannon, Ltd. (614-667-6473), that manufactures replica civil war Cannons and other from that era. The article has some nice photos, and I noticed that they also manufacture working models in full size: 1/2 size, 1/4, and 1/8. Pictured was an 1857 Napoleon, and they discussed a 24-pounder mortar. This was top quality, usable ordnance. Give these folks a call if you are into this, and tell them you saw it in MGN.

Q Is there now, or has there been, a suppressor built that was designed so it would shoot cast bullets exclusively?

Is an all-steel (including the baffles) opressor better for cast bullets over an -aluminum suppressor?

What about some sort of coating on the baffles such as teflon, wax, Pam, Never Seize, etc.?

Are jacketed hollow point bullets recommended for suppressor use? Say something like Hornady's XTP bullets?

Thanks for your time. Best wishes, Stephen A.

A Most manufacturers recommend that you use ball ammunition in their suppressors (boy am I gonna get calls). There are several reasons: one is the effect of the roiling gasses on the open end of a hollow point; just a little yaw and you have a collision with the baffles. That would be in an improperly designed suppressor. (I can hear the calls now.) Your bullets are not supposed to touch the baffles at all, so a lubricant should have no effect unless you are in trouble already. Hollow points and cast bullets should all function properly in any proper suppressor design. The exception would be in multiple projectiles or

ything using a wad. Shotguns tend to mear off plastic from the wad, or worse, the chilled shot itself, clogging the ports and filling the suppressor. A good design on a pistol or rifle should have little or no bearing on suppression as regards to the use of

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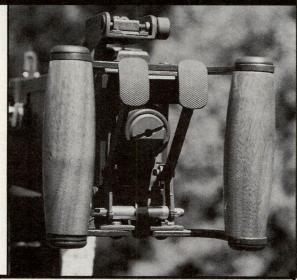
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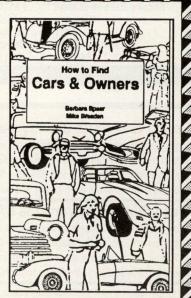
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Q I need some information about Vickers cloth machine gun belts. With the ones I have, the nose of the bullets will protrude from 1/8 to 1/4 inches. Is this normal? The reason I ask this is because the picture of the Vickers cloth belt in Small Arms of the World does not quite look like mine. Were different types of cloth belts made for the British .303 Vickers over the years? Is it possible for some of these cloth belts to shrink during washing so the cartridges don't go in far enough? Were different cloth belts made for other cartridges such as 8mm Mauser? Small Arms of the World says those belts have a "brass tag end." Mine have only a cloth end. Please advise.

> Yours truly, Jack R

A There have been a lot of belt variations that I have seen for the Vickers. I hope one of you RKI's will come to the rescue on this one. Basically, the Vickers used nondisintegrating belts, mostly cloth, but some we metal. The photo you faxed showed a bensimilar to an MG-08 with the brass tabs on the bullet side of the belt for keeping the belt steady. Many other .303 designs were plain cloth with leather ends. Cloth belts for

8mm had brass leaders. On the Turkish models (in 8mm Mauser) an aluminum 250-round nondisintegrating belt was common. Your 1/4 inch bullet exposure should

bout perfect. You need to get a copy of Dolf Goldsmith's book "The Grand Old Lady of No Man's Land." (210-342-4723). It's the best there is on the subject and will answer almost every question on the Vickers that you can come up with.

Q What's the best all-around cleaning solvent/solution for suppressors and firearms. I recently purchased a parts-bin type cleaner with the pump for circulating cleaning solutions. I've heard that Simple Green is a good degreaser/cleaner for suppressors while others say 1/2 kerosene to 1/2 motor oil is also good for cleaning out the crud from heavy shooting activity. Any suggestions as to what to use?

SRB

A There are a million different methods. My own approaches sacrilege in some eyes—gunk and kerosene in the parts washer. One suppressor manufacturer that I know always uses mineral spirits in his parts washer; the low flash point of that

method scares me. CLP (Breakfree) works well if left to soak in a tray, as will almost any cleaning solvent. How about some of you suppressor specialists passing your secret cleaning recipe on to the rest of us.....

Q I was hoping you could answer some questions about a white parachute flare I bought. It's marked M583A1, and on the cartridge case it says 40mm M195 instead of M118? Is this an "updated" version of the white STAR parachute?

Thanks, J.H.M.

A The designation of the round is still the M-583-A1, 40mm Parachute Flare, White. As near as I can tell, the base is what has changed. I have not been able to find out whether this affects the maximum height or pressure. It appears to be relevant to a newer contract more than a change in performance. Any of you ammo specialists out there?

Q I'm writing to pick your collective brains for some information. I called out to Arkansas on the 9th of February and was told by a very helpful lady there at MGN to drop a short letter in the mail and you all

would do your best to help.

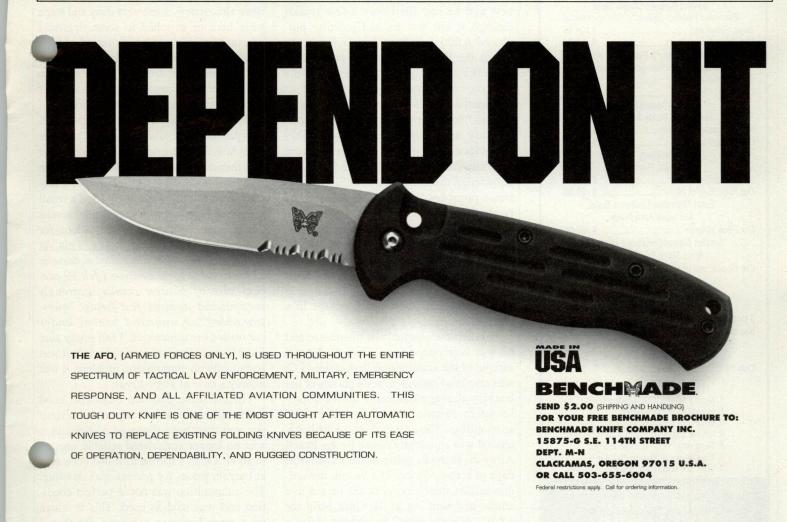
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The Ammo Bunker

by DUTCH HILLENBURG
Bad Ammo or Bad Judgement?

everal months ago, I did an article about a Colt AR-15 which had blown up on its owner. Shortly thereafter, I received a call from a fellow, whom I'll call J.C., who reported that he had his very rare, transferable, French made FAMAS bullpup assault rifle blow up on him. He attributed the incident to some Israeli surplus .223 ammunition he was using. The caller expressed concerns that his might not be an isolated incident and that there might be another batch of "bad ammo" floating around with problems similar to the lot of Brazilian-made .308 Winchester ammunition, headstamped CBC 75, which caused such problems a few years back.

J.C. said that his weapon was almost new and he had fired only a few rounds through it but that he had recently purchased 6,000 rounds of Israeli surplus to use in the FAMAS and other guns in his collection. While we both agreed that the weapon could have failed, neither of us considered that likely because this was an unmodified firearm designed to stringent military specifications and thoroughly tested for combat use. Modern weapons are carefully designed and produced with the knowledge that they will be subject to extreme pressures and decades of use. They rarely fail due to a error on the part of the weapon itself. Ammunition is another matter. Quality varies widely. Occasionally, bad lots are inadvertently produced and sold. Sometimes good ammo is degraded by age or poor storage. Ammunition is usually the weak link which results in a weapon failure.

I called the ammunition distributor and he was very cooperative. He sent down a sample of the ammunition in question. J.C. was also kind enough to send photos of the heavily damaged firearm and a representative sample of the "questionable" ammunition. The ammunition he had purchased was apparently issued by the Israeli Army to reservists going on their annual 30 days of active service. The Israelis are unique in that their reservists are issued live ammo and sent out to the Gaza Strip for actual "peacekeeping" operations. After a

month of dodging stones thrown by Palestinians or running ambush patrols on the Lebanese border, they turn in their ammo and go home until called up again. The used ammunition is not reissued; it is earmarked for training or disposal. J.C. had apparently purchased some of this "once-issued, never fired" bargain basement ammunition.

Upon examination, I found the ammunition to be much as I had suspected. Most bore the Israeli headstamps of TZZ but there were a few others including some American-produced Lake City LC-marked rounds which were probably part of our large military assistance program with Israel. The rounds showed varying amounts of storage and carry wear. Some rounds were almost new, some very dirty and some were bent or smashed to some degree. I measured and gauged each round of b lots with a micrometer and cartridge can gauge purchased from Dillon Precision and found the mangled rounds no longer met the recommended specifications. I pulled and weighed several bullets and powder charges and found the samples from both lots were normal. It didn't appear that rounds had been overfilled by a double charge or underfilled as the result of a factory error. Finally, I remotely fired a small sample of both lots with very similar results which were within the specifications for this round. Kids, Don't Try This At Home!!! I only risked additional damage to a second firearm because I felt 99 percent sure of positive results. I strongly recommend against test-firing "questionable" ammunition except under controlled circumstances. I felt pretty sure I had located the problem and while it was technically an ammunition problem, it was mainly a case of Pilot-Error.

In this case you had otherwise good ammunition which had seen some serious use and then been disposed of because it was no longer considered reliable enough to stake a man's life on it. It had been so at bargain prices for recreational shooting. The ammunition was not in perfect condition and was sold as used. This is where pilot error becomes a failure. By that, I



mean to say that the operator exercised bad judgement.

One of the things they pound in your head as an infantryman is to carefully check

and recheck your weapons and particularly your ammunition at every opportunity. J.C. admitted that while some of the ammunition was damaged, it was ultimately his responsibility to make certain that everything he put into the weapons was good ammunition. It is your responsibility to make certain that you carefully screen what goes into your weapon. You don't gas up your high performance sportscar with diesel fuel intended for a smoky tractor trailer rig. J.C. took responsibility for not exercising enough care in culling out damaged rounds. It appears that J.C. didn't pay close enough attention to the ammuniion he was using and hit the lottery with a d round. It might have been a seemingly minor split neck or a cracked cartridge case but the result was anything but minor. This regrettable incident could have been avoided if greater care had been used in inspecting the ammunition before loading. Questionable rounds could have been easily checked with the use of a cartridge case gauge and micrometer such as I mentioned earlier and a simple visual inspection. It is the shooters responsibility to inspect his ammunition. Interestingly, the ammunition distributor surprised everyone. He accepted some responsibility and tried to make things right with J.C. for the damage to his weapon. This sense of responsibility reflects well on the distributor. I would list his firm's name but don't want to risk making people worried about buying his wares as they appear quite safe when properly used.

The ultimate moral here is to always use good sense when shooting and that extends to the selection of your ammunition as well. Be safe out there. Rock-N-Roll

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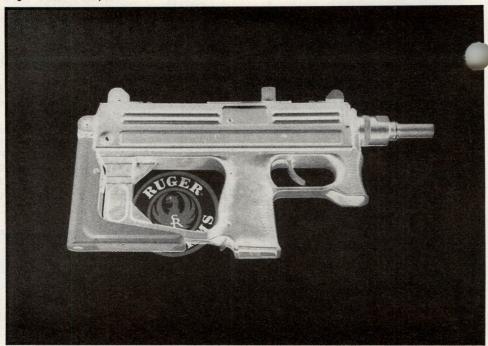
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The cloak and dagger atmosphere of the Contingency & Operational Procurement Exhibition (COPEX) descended once again May 25-26 in Baltimore, Maryland. As always, there was much there to make a dedicated subgun aficionado's heart beat faster. However, admittance to the event is strictly vetted as it is by invitation only. Admission is restricted to high level military, government, and law enforcement buyers, many of whom travel from far flung locales to attend. Getting a press pass to gain admittance is not easy and photography at the event is generally forbidden. Despite the obstacles, this reporter

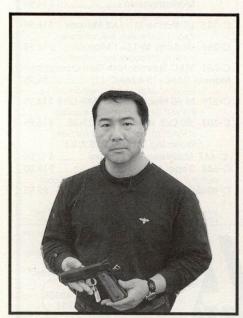
did manage to not only attend, but to expose

Ruger MP-9 machine pistol.



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Richard Jee, owner of Gunsite Training Center.

a few frames of film for the enlightenment of MGN readers. That said, now on to the guns...

New Colt's Product

Despite the current political situation, Colt's Manufacturing Co. is planning to introduce yet another variation of the proven AR-15 design. To be called the AR-15A3, the rifle was displayed for the first time at this show.

Richard DeMilt, Colt's law enforcement sales manager, explains the AR-15A3, which is planned for fall introduction, will be offered in 5.56 mm with a medium-heavy barrel, 1 in 9 rifling, and a chrome plated bore. Other features include a detachable carry handle, and a four-position collapsible buttstock. Some form of optical sights are planned to be offered as well. Sales of the new semi-automatic will be restricted to law enforcement only. A

"Sporter" version will be developed for civilian sales "if the federal government allows us to," DeMilt added.

Ruger Expands Into U.S. Military

In other COPEX news, Sturm, Ruger & Co. reps were proudly announcing that the U.S. Army has purchased an (undisclosed) quantity of the new Ruger MP-9 9mm machine pistol which has allowed the gun to go into production. As was reported first and exclusively in MGN last year (see Sept. '93 issue for full technical report), the MP-9 made its public debut at last year's COPEX show but existed only in prototype form at the time. The result of the firearms design genius of William B. Ruger, Sr. with input from a noted international arn designer, the MP-9 looks somewhat like an Uzi machine pistol. Unlike the Uzi however, the MP-9 fires from a closed bolt but at about the same rate (600 r.p.m.).





Colt's AR-15A3.

Beretta showed their Model 93R selective fire 9mm pistol (top) which can fire single shots or "controllable" 3-round automatic bursts from a 20-round staggered magazine. A detachable folding metal stock is included. On bottom is the Model PM12S, a selective fire submachine gun in 9mm parabellum with 32-round magazine and folding metal stock.

Built at Ruger's Prescott, Arizona production facility, the MP-9 has a polished and blued steel alloy upper receiver and a natural finish, fiberglass reinforced molded Zytel lower receiver. Sporting a 6-8/10 inch, heat treated, chrome-moly steel barrel with right hand six groove, one in ten rifling, it is fed by a 32-round, detachable, double column box magazine. The sale to e Army is believed to be Ruger's first to me official U.S. military market.

Ruger's new KP94L 9mm pistol, which houses an integral laser sight said to project a visible aiming spot to the limits of handgun range, will "most likely" not be offered to the public. First shown to the press at this year's S.H.O.T. Show, it will remain restricted to law enforcement sales only, according to a Ruger representative "due to its being politically incorrect" at the present time. The new Ruger P94 in 9mm and .40 caliber is available to handgun aficionados sans the laser sight.

Beretta

Representatives from the oldest gunmaker in the world, Fabbrica d' Armi P. Beretta (founded in the year 1526) were on hand showing representative samples of their full auto offerings. Specifically the Model 93R selective-fire 9mm pistol which can fire single shots or "controllable" 3round automatic bursts from a 20-round staggered magazine. A detachable folding metal stock is included. Also on view was the Model PM12S, a selective-fire subnachine gun in 9mm parabellum with 2-round magazine and folding metal stock. Development is continuing on the "urban rifle" project Beretta reps report. The concept is to develop a 9mm semi-auto rifle featuring magazine computability with Beretta pistols. The success of the Marlin 9mm and .45 caliber "Camp Carbines" which use Colt pistol magazines is said to be the impetus for the project.



Steyr

GSI, Inc. was showing the Steyr AUG-P in 5.56 and 9mm which of course can now only be sold to police agencies. On hand as

well was the Steyr TMP (Tactical Machine Pistol) in 9mm which was also being promoted for sale to law enforcement. The

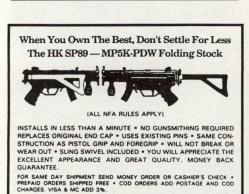


A double exposed picture tells twice as much. In the background is a closeup of the Road Blocker's hollow spikes. In the fore-ground on the left are the spikes as mounted in their expandable frame, while on the right is an example of the company's advertising literature.









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semi-auto version of the TMP known as the SSP is still available for civilian sales GSI reps report.

Rafael

Rafael, a firm headquartered in Israel, showed a couple of interesting items. The first, is an Acoustic Firing Source Detection (AFSD) system which allows soldiers on the battlefield to determine the direction and to identify the sources of firing noises. AFSD is a passive acoustic detection system designed to detect the direction (and as an optional feature) the type of sorties of light weapons or mortars. The system is available in two versions.

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Also of interest is the Enhanced Applique Armor Kit (EAAK) a joint effort between Rafael and FMS Corp. EAAK modular armor plates using SSA (Special Spaced Armor) is said to have been selected by the U.S. Marine Corps for their AAV-7 upgrade program. SSA technology consists of a laminated structure of special steels with nonmetallic layers between them. The steel plates break and deflect kinetic energy projectiles. This process is said to dramatically reduce residual penetration so that the projectile or debris cannot penetrate the APC's (Armored Personnel Carrier) aluminum wall.

Gunsite

And finally, the new owner of Gunsite Training Center (Richard Jee) was on hand (former owner was of course, founder Jeff Cooper). Jee mentions that he will offer a Submachine Gun Operator's Course the week of September 26 through October 1, 1994 which is open to civilians.

COPEX School

In addition to the exposition, a "COPEX school" is presented in which attendees may sign up for courses on various related topics. This year's conference topics included Unconventional Unarmed Combat, Phase Planning & Operational

Liability and Small Unit OPS in Rural Communities.

In mid-June, the author attended the Police & Security Expo held at the Conve tion Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. While it is in no way as exciting as COPEX, there was one interesting "toy" exhibited at this show which is of interest. This was the Road Blocker: a compact, lightweight and portable set of spring-loaded, sharp-edged hollow tubing (available in 2-inch and 2.36-inch lengths) set into an expandable frame. The device is said to cause tire deflation in less than four seconds and can stop vehicles arriving at any angle or speed. After penetration, the hollow tubing detaches itself from the barrier and remains embedded in the tire. After recovery, the tubing can be reset in the barrier frame for repeated usages. Imported from Israel, the Road Blocker kit comes in two surplus metal ammo boxes and includes a road barrier that is 20-feet long when fully opened. MGN

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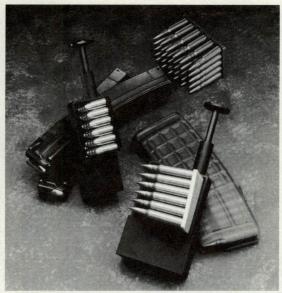
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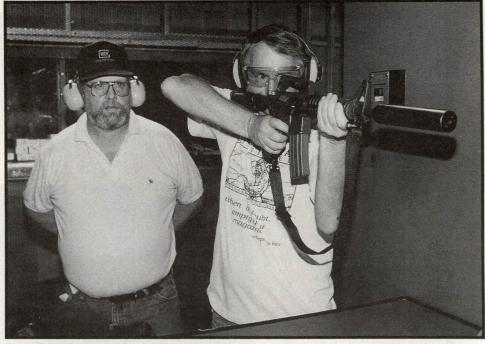
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Bill's indoor range. Bullseye Shooting Range welcomes rifle-caliber machine guns; even those bolt action and semi-automatic shooters are welcome. There are a few restrictions, however.

The limit is .308 with maybe a little 8mm or .30-06, definately no .50 cals., no armor piercing ammo; no tracer and no incendiary rounds, for obvious reasons.

Bill does take other precautions. He stands right there with shooters who are new to his facility until he knows they can control their guns. Perrier also offers instructions to new shooters.

On a recent visit to Bill's range, I encountered some old friends and made some new friends. On the line was Stan Andrewski with his 8mm Yugo beltfed and an L1A1. Rock Moon was there with a 1919A4 and an H&K51 (you know, that thundering shorty .308 that Vollmer makes), and Debbie Morris was there with her H&K33. There were also several M16's, an AK47, and of course, several subguns. Bill runs sort of an informal machine gun shoot on Tuesday evenings So that's the best time to show up with yo favorite full auto. As with machine gunners everywhere, these folks are glad to show you their guns and even let you shoot them. Especially if you provide your own ammo.



Stan Andrewski fires 8mm Yugo as Paul Eldridge feeds.



Rock Moon with 1919A4 and 1919A4 Tippman. Stan Andrewski firing 8mm Yugo as Paul Eldridge feeds.

Bill's Range is also a full-service gun shop and he has ammo on hand if you run short. And what machine gunner do you know who doesn't run short of ammo?

Richard Graves, inventor/designer of the RemVan muzzle stabilizing system, was there testing his units on a Colt 1911 pistol, an M16, and a .416 Rigby. This muzzle stabilizer is quite a rig, but more about that in an upcoming article.

The Rigby was a little above Bill's

caliber limit, but we only fired about six rounds and aimed at different points in the backstop, so there was no multiple impact to worry about.

So you can see that the backstop got a pretty good workout before we were done, especially from Stan's Yugo.

The next time I was at the range, Bill reported the 8mm "hardly scratched the backstop." And Stan shot several hundred rounds.

So I got to shoot, didn't have to shovel snow, didn't have to put anti-freeze in my 1917, and met some old and new friends. It was a great day! MGN

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This is common sense for

a gun owner. So ask yourself, have you really been aiming at what you want to hit? Can the Republicans or the Democrats really provide the solutions you seek, or is the Libertarian Party closer to the mark? Give us a try and find out

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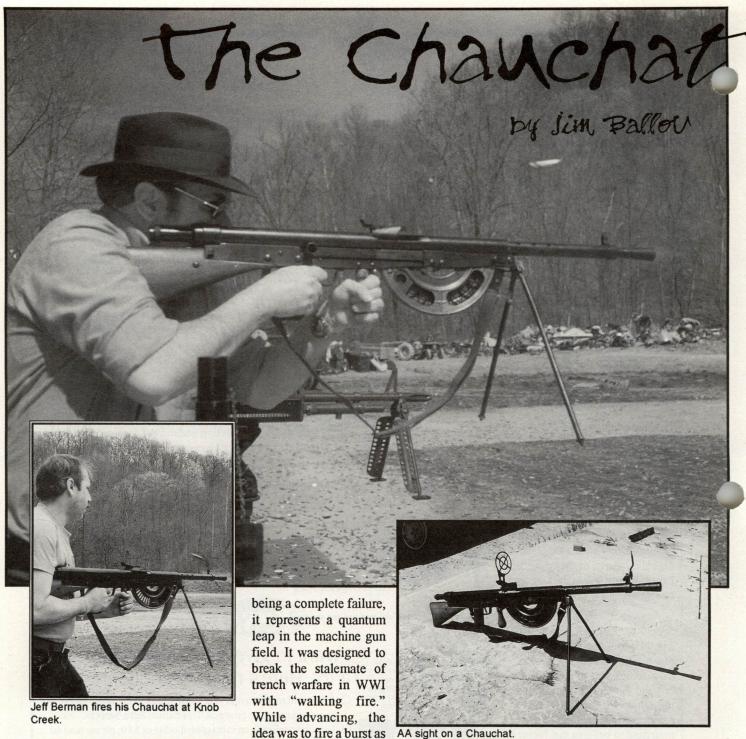
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pring, Knob Creek, I am cruising The line looking for something that I have not shot. There it was, in all of its ugliness, sitting on the concrete firing table. A model 1915 Chauchat, scourge of the A.E.F.; the worst machine gun ever fielded by a major power. It is a classic example of a gun designed by committee. C.S.R.G. stands for Chauchat, Sutter Ribeyrotte-Gladiator.

The weapon was developed at Puteaux, France from the prototype APX1910 rifle. It has been described as a WWI Sten Gun since it uses stamping and tubes. Far from the left foot hit the ground.

Jeffrey Berman of RPM Sales was most generous in allowing me to fire and examine his pristine piece. Jeff states that Patrick Baker did the lion's share of restoration. I personally fired three hundred rounds through Chauchat and was pleasantly surprised. This



The 1915 Chauchat disassembled.

Specifications		
	.Chauchat Model	
	.1915 C.S.R.G.	
Caliber:	.8mm Lebel	
	.(.301) U.S. 30/06	
	.Model 1918	
Weight:	.19lbs with Bipod	
Sights:	.Graduated to	
	.1200 meters	
	.(optimistic at	
	.best)	
Operation:	.Long recoil	
	.Frommer design)	
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being my 140th different machine gun, I was in heaven.

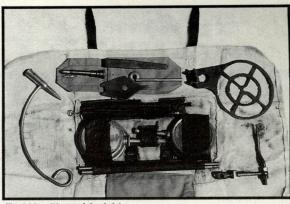
For me, the weapon's performance put

to rest common misconceptions and its most odious rumors. The weapon fired every time with few stoppages. Jeff did have two problems with vintage ammo and bullets jarring loose from the case. Having a neat Zorro scar from a 1914 Hotchkiss in 8mm Lebel, I was very cautious of hangfires. None occurred. The one stoppage I had resulted in a five minute pause with the muzzle down range and the ejection port pointed to the ground. No problem however, a bullet had pulled loose.

The recoil was not as horrendous as often reported. The best way to describe it is it recoils like an HK21 without the buffer and bounces like an M-3 Greasegun. I fired it from the prone position only once, the hip a few times and mostly from the shoulder. The only casualty was my watch crystal, which was shattered from a hip fire stint.

I'm sure the boys in WWI trenches had pocket watches.

Accuracy was only good for the first



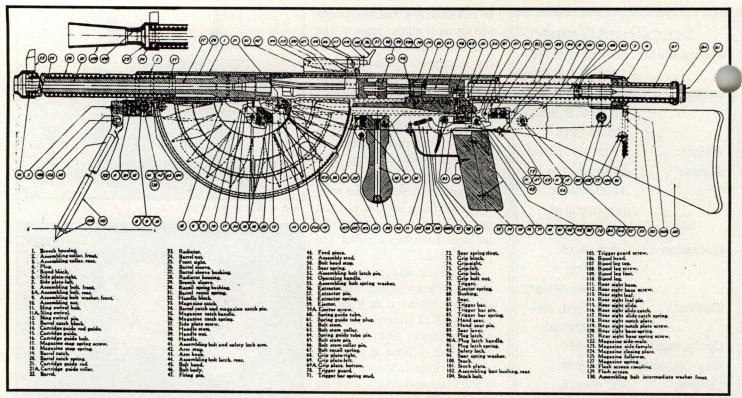
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shot, but Jeff responds that prone fire produces excellent accuracy. Hell, we were firing at boats at about 50 yards anyway,

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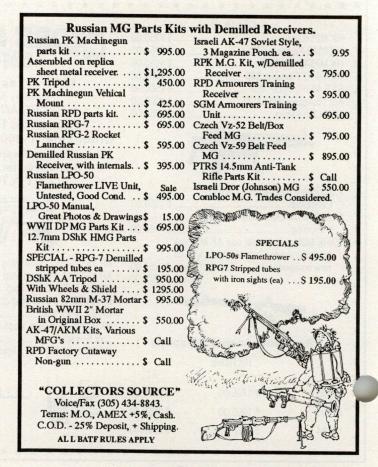
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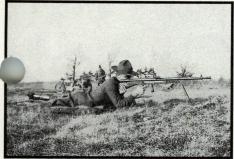
The action of the Chauchat is described as being long recoil. The bolt fires from the open position: a modern design for 1915. As it moves forward, a turning bolt locks the mechanism at the last moment. Gas impinges on the muzzle forcing the bolt, barrel and barrel extension to recoil together. This is what makes the recoil so violent. It is similar to a Browning shotgun. The design concept was from the designer Rudolph Frommer, a Hungarian, who was

responsible for the recoil operated Frommer pistol. The turning bolt is similar to the Steyr M-95. Believe it or not, it is the same lock mechanism that is on the M-60.

The twenty-round magazines were stamped with extremely rough edges. This







Lt. Augustus "Gus" True firing the Chauchat from the prone position.

made them the most painful magazines I have ever loaded. Jeff also had a neat vintage magazine loader; a metal case that held ten magazines. The origin of this Chauchat, "Fox Studios," is stamped clearly on the rear of the receiver. I can imagine Richard Arlan and Gary Cooper spraying the "Hated Hun" in some California back lot.

The first combat use of the weapon was by the French on the Western Front in 1915. The first American use was October 21, 1917, by the 1st American Division, in the Sommerville Sector, east of Nancy. A collection of photographs belonging to Lt. Augustus "Gus" True, were used in "Portals to the Past," (MGN, June 1993). he accompanying photo shows Gus firing Chauchat from the prone position. An excellent in International photo Armament, by Sam Cummings, shows the Chauchat in action by Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment (Kansas National Guard) at Amphersbock, France, August 29, 1918. After WWI, Messr. Gladiator took the design to Greece where it was reincarnated as the Gladiator.

The biggest mistake often made when evaluating classic weapons is pass judgment on one example. This was a seventy-five year old piece of machinery. When the Chauchat was first issued, it was mint: no rust or crystallization of steel. The ammunition was fresh from the factory: no hangfires or bad primers. Most examples seen today are REWATS and at best have begun to show their age.

I must say this gun worked well, whether it was just luck or attributable to Jeff Berman's meticulous care. For me, a walking embodiment of Murphy's Law, it worked well and was fun to shoot. This was one of my best Knob Creek experices. Firing this veteran of WWI is like unto a Time Machine, you experience the same thrust of the weapon, the same stench of powder as a WWI "Doughboy": truly a Portal to the Past.

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So why did this guy bother to run a negative ad?

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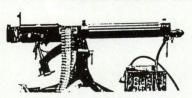
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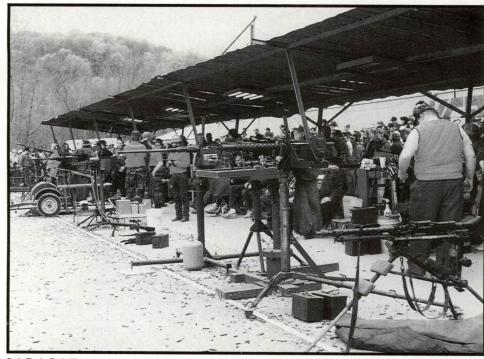
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"I don't know about other wives, but I love Knob Creek!"



Belt Feds Rule!!!

he office's of Machine Gun News recently received a letter from a reader who made his first visit to Knob Creek during the Spring '94 Shoot. I believe that Vida plans to run that letter elsewhere in this issue. The writer spoke in glowing terms about how thrilling it was for him to see so many rare and collectible firearms in one place and even more exciting was t thrill of seeing them in action. Unfortunately, the writer went on to complain of the deplorable conditions of the range with debris and trash stacked everywhere. He complained about the mud and the terrible dust which covered everything. Brother, I know you were speaking your mind but you

are about to feel like Grade III pond scum. There very nearly wasn't a Knob Creek Shoot this spring. You see, the Knob Creek Range is located very close to Knob Creek itself. In fact, you have to cross a steel and wood bridge to get to and from the Range. This year's heavy spring rains turned Knob Creek into the Knob River and the bridge was actually underwater so long that the water ruined the wooden planks of the bridge. At literally the last minute, a team of volunteers raced against the clock to clean up the debris caused by weeks of flooding. The wooden planks of the bridge's deck had to be torn up with pry bars and new planking nailed down. Yes, piles of trash did exist in some out of the way places but that was because the workers simply lacked the time to do more. Even in a good year, the unpaid volunteers have a very tough, thankless job. This year, their task was Herculean but they did an outstanding job for the benefit of thousands who attend the shoots but rarely consider the effort re-

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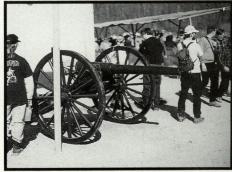
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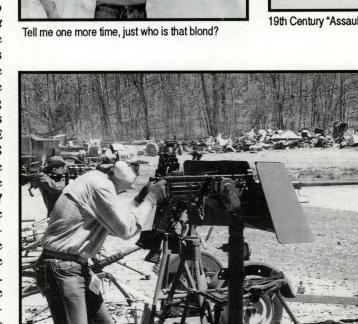




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"Just watch, through the car window, off the fridge and onto the dynamite stick."

quired to make it all happen. I suggest that those who have suggestions for improving the shoot come forward and volunteer the suggestions. Those who have criticisms are encouraged to volunteer their time to help make certain that it gets done correctly next time. Volunteers?

As I've said before in other article's on arlier shoots, Knob Creek is not your average gun show. Knob Creek is not really a gun show. Knob Creek is an EX-PERIENCE. It is truly grand to see so many rare firearms being used but this ain't no sippin tea!!! Knob Creek is not the sterile environment of an indoor sports arena or exhibition hall where people debate the merits of various firearms the way golfers talk about different pitching wedges. Yes, it's dusty. Yes, it is sometimes muddy. Knob Creek is a FIRING LINE with a hundred or more MACHINE GUNS obliterating anything down range. You've got Dynamite. You've got Napalm. The ground shakes beneath you. It's GREAT!!!

I encourage everyone to attend the Knob Creek Shoots. It is a fantastic experience but it is not for everyone. Some spouses and children just aren't suited to the conditions found on a shooting range. Many love it though, especially kids! The National Gun Day show is held at the Kentucky Exhibition Center about thirty miles away in Louisville. Many visitors attend both and others greatly prefer one over the other. They have to kick me out of Knob Creek when the show ends. I hope to see you at the Fall '94 Knob Creek Shoot. There is nothing else like it. The people, the great guns, the excitement. It's GREAT!!!

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NFA Range Officer (RO) and Chief Range Officer (CRO) training will be conducted on Friday, October 7th. To qualify for RO training, an individual must have at least one year of SMG shooting/competition experience, be extremely safety conscious and be interested in perpetuating the sport. ROs wishing to become CROs must have had at least one year as an RO and have been performing active RO responsibilities at SMG competitions. Cost for training will be \$35.00 and the individual must be a member of the NFA.

Since classroom space is limited, interested shooters may contact John Butterfield, (205) 270-9975, or write to:

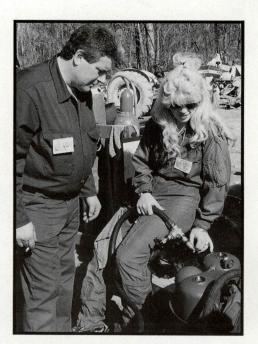
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"Wow."

Knob Creek Spring '94





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Above: "There I was surrounded and I"

Left: Bill and Jennifer dropped by to hang out with Janet Reno and the BATF guys for the Bar-B-Q.

Below: Bob, did he just say something on the P.A. about the range going hot? Bob? Bob?"





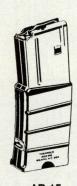
The gun show provides visitors with lots to buy during shooting breaks.

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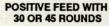
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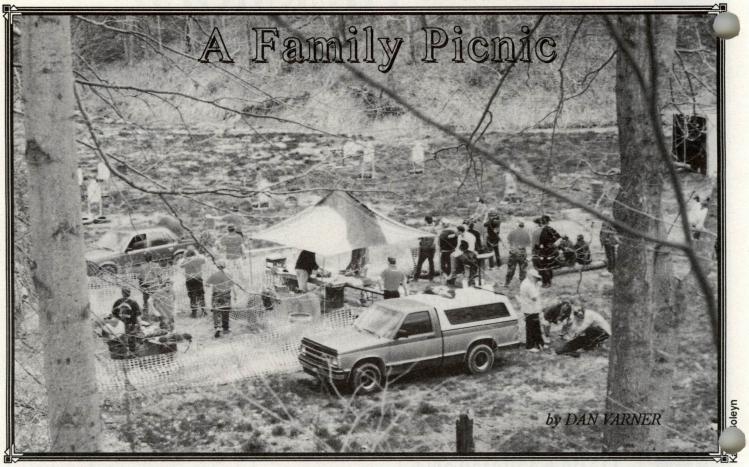
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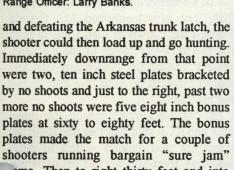
Mario Lozzi sending them back to Uranus. Range Officer: Fred Watkins.

out the bridge into the range the weekend before the shoot. Ok, we'll fix it better than before. Same flood takes our match props downriver. Fine, we'll build new and better ones. Sun shines on match day, almost perfect weather ok, we'll deal with that too.

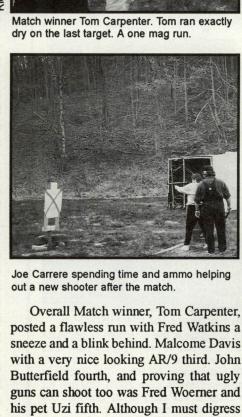
Deal with it they did; classic winners Jeff Russell and Ken Hackathorn posted winning scores with open bolts and iron sights in the top five overall. The course was a speed course designed by Karen Boleyn, another recreational shooter and myself. It indulged my paranoid xenophobia and her love of shooting steel. The scenario was that you were attending your family picnic, having a good ol' time when it gets real weird. A UFO lands near by, discharging little silver men who begin taking your family hostage. As they drag Aunt Florence and Uncle Bert into the ship, it ain't looking good. Fortunately, your favorite lead flinger is merely feet away in the trunk of your car. The shooter started facing uprange, seated at a small table. On the signal the shooter moved 20 feet to the trunk of the car. After engaging



Lucy Bright knocking off space weirdos with last years National Classic match winning MP40 and Range Officer: Larry Banks.

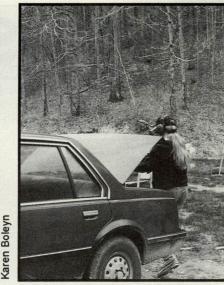


mo. Then to right thirty feet and into ox C and our version of "confuse a cat." From box C the shooter would engage two pepper poppers and one ten inch steed plate. The popper on the far right activated a swinging no shoot in front of the next set of targets at box D. The no shoot of course comes to rest obstructing but not fully obscuring the targets. The "confuse a cat" comes in when the shooter has brain fade and shoots the right popper first. After that a short move to the right to box D and the two ten inch plates and that obnoxious swinging no shoot. A couple of novice shooters discovered the 55 gallon drum at the end of the box wasn't just for looks, using it as a steadying point for engaging that tight right hand target. Then it was off into the off-colored, off-worldly vehicle to rescue your kin. Here was the weak/strong hand barrier, this time consisting of firing ports through which the shooter had to address one soft popper per side, of course at an awkward angle and obstructed by no shoots, otherwise it wouldn't be real fun ght? Again a zone for major brain fade. oft poppers as outlined in every walk



Joe Carrere spending time and ammo helping

Overall Match winner, Tom Carpenter, posted a flawless run with Fred Watkins a sneeze and a blink behind. Malcome Davis with a very nice looking AR/9 third. John Butterfield fourth, and proving that ugly guns can shoot too was Fred Woerner and



Out of the trunk and into the fire, Amanda Verbeck 2nd place woman shooter.



Dr. Ray Pullham exhibiting the fast break to a personal best scores. Range Officer: Larry



A walkthrough for the benefit of a Brazilian pro-gun group touring the Knob Creek Shoot.

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to the overall ugly gun award, Mr. John Watkins M3A1. You're right John, it runs great, but it still looks like a Rotweiler's chew toy. Closing out the open to ten were. Rick Kuehl, Mario Lozzi, and Dennis V with close, close, close scores. Finally Johnny Hutchinson and John Nethery's shooting adventures (another undeclared team).

The woman's class was the largest and quickest to date. Nev romer Christi Vest took top woman with an MP5SD, Amanda Verbeck a close second with an MP5SD. Lucy Bright third, shooting her first ever real match with a borrowed MP40. Special thanks to fourth place classic finisher, Joe Carrere, who stayed after school and lent guns and ammo to help some new shooters through the course. And backing into the classic standings it was Staale Johannessen fifth. The aforementioned Mr. Carrere fourth, Dale Browning a bit faster in third and the blow-out scores of the weekend. Misters Russell and Hackathorn first and second respectively with tiny little scores and big smiles.

It was unanimous among the range crew and KCR staff that this was about the smoothest and largest match to date. Including reshoots, we had about ninety shooters with room for about ten more You can't say enough good about the range crew. These people give up vacation time, comfort, and definitely sleep to bring the matches to life. For fall we are continuing with the squadding system. If you preregister for the match, please indicate whether you wish to shoot in the AM or PM. We will have room for 100 shooters. Preregistration is strongly advised. On Saturday it will be the KNOB CREEK open match and on Sunday the fourth annual NFA National Championship match. The fall course? Well it's a moving vehicle stage, uh sort of, well Ed has this boat idea, and some cable, well you'll see. Bonus alligators anyone? See you at the creek

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KPDL Pistol Match			
Jeff Russell	26.56	Springfield 1911	
Wayne Russell, Jr.	30.14	Colt Combat Elite	
Tom Hummel, Jr.	32.88	Colt 70 Series	
Dick Thomas	33.64	Colt 1911	
John Muller	34.19	colt	
Rich Morey	35.16	Colt 1911	
Malcome Davis	36.00	Colt	
Robert Cain	36.52	Springfield	
Paul Winters	37.53	Colt	
Ernie Blackburn	40.29	Colt 1911	

VIIO	Creek Open	SMC	Match
01	Tom Carpenter	2.62	MP5
02	Fred Watkins	6.57	MP5
03	Malcome Davis	7.02	AR/9
04	John Butterfield	10.32	MP5
05	Fred Woerner	10.49	Uzi
06	Rick Kuehl	11.04	MP5
07	Mario Lozzi	12.40	MP5
08	Dennis Vest	13.33	MP5SD
09	Johnny Hutchison	14.20	MP5
10	John Nethery	14.54	MP5
Top Woman	Christi Vest	40.03	MP5SD

Assau	lt Rifle M	atch
Mitchell Maxberry	-173.84	M1A
Malcomb Davis	-160.14	AR-15
Paul Winters	-150.61	M1A
Rusty Zents	-134.35	AR-15
Jim Cunningham	-133.18	HK-91
eff Russell	-108.82	M14
John Haynes	-102.44	M14
Wayne Scherer	-101.29	AK-47
Larry Edgar	-96.29	AR-15
Billy Ball	-85.54	AR-15

Place	Name	Time	Prize
1st	John Huffman	1:08	\$80.00
2nd	Jeff Russell	1:11	\$40.00
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Mitchell Maxberry	-95.89	Springfield 03A3
Norman Plaat	-31.87	96 Swedish
Greg Harrison	-31.84	303 British
Tony Murray	-20.54	SMLE
Paul Winters	-13.59	P-17
Jim Fowler	-10.48	SPFD
Wayne Scherer	0.35	303 British
Bob Andres	6.12	P-17
Ted Nelson	8.61	98-K
Herb Hopkins	9.28	Springfield

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Wayne Russell	11.92	1100
Jeff Russell	12.31	1100
Paul Winters	16.62	870
Rich Parker	16.78	Benelli
Johnny Hutchison	16.81	Benelli
Malcome Davis	16.97	Facar
Dale Brownell	18.59	1100
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A pproximately 3,500 pro-gunners trekked to Harrisburg, PA on July 2nd to tell state representatives that they are not at all happy with State (or Federal) policy regarding the trends in changing firearms laws. I had missed the Flag Day rally in June, sponsored by the

Federation Sportsmen and the National Rifle Association, so I was especially anxious attend this to Committee 1776/Gun Owners of American Rally. I drove the three hours to the Harrisfairground and hopped the prearranged shuttlebus to the Capitol building. I have to make a special note here to acknowledge adept organizational work of Mrs. Joseph Corey and Gregory Fasolt of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Rights who have worked long and hard to organize this and many other 2nd Amendment projects. They

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are both patriots and I'm happy to call Joe a friend.

I had arranged to meet some friends there and was glad to see some other familiar faces like premium precision rifle makers Wally and Bob Hart of Hart Rifles in Nescopec, PA, who I had build me a beau-

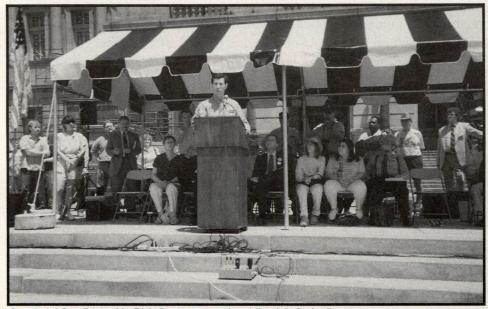
tiful heavy barrel system not long ago. They both recognize the liberal agenda and know that even their high quality bolt action guns aren't safe. I also saw Donnvand Peggy who I had met at Knob Creek. April on the subgun range, and who turned out to be the first two guest speakers; telling of their hopes for their children's future and their disgust with our revolving door justice system.

The crowd was a mix of men, women, and some children: young adults really. Old enough to know why they were there. Old enough in some countries to be shooting at Federal troops of oppressive governments. There were many militia patches being worn in the crowd.

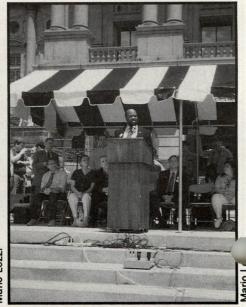
Just before the speakers assembled on the platform, while the drums and fife played over the P.A. system, there was a spontaneous driveby of about forty bikers, slowly cruising past, all with one fist raised in the "Power to the People" sign. As the crowd applauded and returned the upraised fist, I heard someone say, "Oh look, we have a calvary!" and for a moment I imagined M16's slung across their backs.

As the crowd came to order, Joe Corey introduced the Rev. Gary Doby who is also a Bloomsburg University professor and columnist who said a short invocation, led us in the National Anthem, and gave a short speech in which he defined "Godgiven" and "inalienable" so as to make the Bill of Rights easier for our elected officials to understand.

Following was Dr. Tim Holloway who is running for Governor on the Patriot Party ticket. He was a dynamic speaker



Senatorial Candidate, Mr. Rick Santorum, spoke at the July 2nd rally.



C.O.R.E. leader, Mr. Roy Innis, spoke at the July 2nd rally.

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W: Many people loaded buses to be taken a Capitol for the rally on Flag Day, June, 14, 1994.

Right: Bus loads of people showed up at the rally on Flag Day.



to see this as an urban/rural problem not a conservative/liberal one. He did quite well assuring us he was progun despite being drowned out by boo's at the mere mention of Bill Clinton or (Sen.) Harold Wofford.

The Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, Mr. Don Ernsberger

spoke for the constitution, gun rights, and individualism.

A member of the Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO), whos name I didn't get, spoke for solidarity.

Constable Bill Clarkson, speaking for the Law Enforcement Alliance of American (LEAA), reaffirmed their support of gun rights and stated their position that an armed citizenry reduces crime and makes law enforcement's job easier.

Col. Paul Davenport, ex-marine and constitutional scholar, was very well received as he spoke of more punishment for crime, less prison perks, and suggested a 24 hour work-shift type schedule to ease prison crowding. Three men — one bunk. One man sleeps, one works, one recreates and studies for education. Every eight hours, rotate positions. He reasoned that if it's a good enough system for the men on submarines defending this country, then it is good enough for the men destroying this

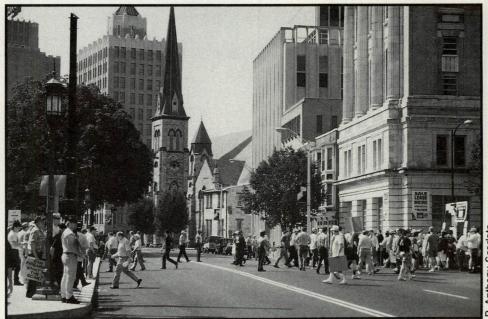
and whipped the crowd up quickly. One particularly well received promise was that no federal troops or its agents would be allowed a step into Pennsylvania to seize guns if he was elected.

U.S. Senatorial Candidate Rick Santorum was there asking help and promising some in return. He stirred the crowd by pointing out that people wait in line for hours and even face death to vote in other countries while here, collectively as a society, we shirk our responsibility.

The next, probably best known, speaker Mr. Roy Innis — Leader of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) pointed out that although we were only five minutes from a large minority neighborhood, the crowd was virtually 100% white. He blamed leaders, both black and white, urging us to reach out to all minorities and warned of divisionalism that could destroy us and self serving power grabbers rising from the rubble. His speech was rousing

I there was no black or white there on the steps, just Americans.

Representative John Gordner was next and being the only democrat there, he kept his speech short and non specific urging us

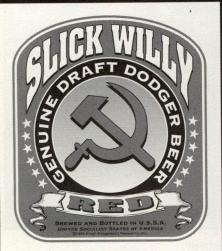


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Bonita Hoke, Executive Director PFSC, was one of the two opening speakers at the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Flag Day Rally.



Dr. Allen Krug, NRA State Legislation Liasion, was one of the opening speakers at the June 14th Flag Day Rally.

country. He also promoted the death penalty and offered to "pull the damn lever" himself if the judges are too squeamish. He was incredulous of the fact that so many good American men have died in other countries defending liberty yet the majority of veterans are silent about the grab being made at it here. He urged veteran groups to organize and get active. He also left us with probably the most repeated phrase of the day when he quoted a quote saying, "I'd rather die on my feet than live on my knees."

The afternoon was hot and although the crowd appeared to thin out, it didn't; people just moved under the shade trees on the



Pennsylvania Game Commission, Dr. Allen Krug, and a rallier step under the pavilion for a moment of shade and conversation at the Flag Day Rally.

lawn. The AP News Service release (attached) estimated the crown at "more than 2000," but Joe Corey told me that there were over 3400 signatures on the attendance sheets located around the steps. We had hoped for more people but vacations for the holiday undoubtedly undermined our numbers. Still, between our two rallies we mustered 12,000 patriots. Twelve thousand separate individuals willing to get up off their backsides, move out of their comfort zones, and exercise their First Amendment in defense of the Second. I'm proud of them.

As I stood there on the steps with the farmers, bankers, bikers, and rifle maker under a bright, clear sky, I couldn't he wondering if there were dark clouds over the horizon. A storm we all would have to pass through to get back home.

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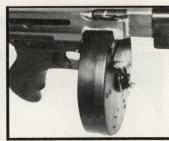
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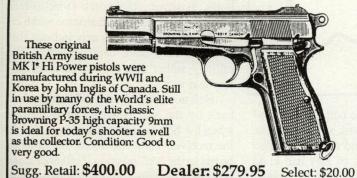
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Tinkering With Thompsons

by JIM KLODZINSKI of GUNMACHINES Bolt Sear Notches

n page 141 of The Thompson Submachinegun, Second Edition, by Hill and Bannan, is a picture of five TSMG bolts with the bolt bottoms facing the viewer. The first bolt is an M1A1, the second is a M1, the third is described as a late Model 1928A1, the fourth is described as a late Model 28 commercial and early 28A1; and the fifth is described as an early 21, 23, 27, and 28 bolt.

All of the bolts pictured show that at the lower front edge of the bolt body is a notch that the sear can engage when the trigger is forward and the sear is up, that is, the sear moving above the top plane of the trigger 1928A1, M1, and M1A1 models as a safety feature. I have not been able to verify this in any publications or articles concerning the Thompson SMG. However, in conversations with a few veterans of World War II, I was told that the purpose of notch C is to enable the bolt to be locked, and therefore remain unmoveable when it is in its most forward position in the receiver. The safety on a Model 1921 or 1928 with only notchs "A" and "B" can only be put "on safe" when the bolt is in its rearward position in the receiver.

Apparently some soldiers in WWII, particularly paratroopers, had a tendency to

Diagram 1

A B B-2

Bolt notches: early 21, 23, 27, and 28 models, late model 28 commercial and early 1928A1

Diagram 2

A B

Bolt notches: M1, M1A1 and late model 1928A1

housing. To avoid confusion, I will dub this notch "Bolt Notch A." All of the bolts depict a second notch located approximately 1/8th inch to the rear of Bolt Notch A. This second notch I will call Bolt Notch B. The bolt for the M1, M1A1, and the late Model 1928A1 show a third notch, which I will refer to as Bolt Notch C. (see Diagrams 1 and 2.)

I think that Bolt Notch C was incorporated into the bolt design of the late carry the TSMG with the bolt fully forward on an empty chamber with a full magazine in the magazine well and the safety off so that to fire the weapon, all they had to do was pull the bolt back and pull the trigger, rather than fumble with or forget to release the safety. A significant jar to the weapon could cause the bolt to move rearward in the receiver far enough to then come forward and chamber a cartridge and fire one or more shots.

A jarring to the TSMG, even with the bolt back and the safety "on," can also cause the TSMG to fire. About four years ago, I went to my shooting area and held my 1928 sideways in my right hand cradled on my right forearm, bolt back, safety "on," and proceded to place a full thirty round stick mag in the magazine well. I smartly tapped the bottom of the stick mag with the palm of my left hand to make sure it was fully seated and the TSMG fired six shots in full-auto before I knew what happened. Fortunately my shooting area was isolated; no one was with me and the bullets went into a close-by embankment. Nonetheless, the experience taught me a valuable lesson. I now insert stick magazines in the TSMG after the bolt is fully forward on an emrichamber, then retract the bolt and put or safety, until I am ready to fire. Having the means to lock the bolt forward on an empty chamber by using the safety, with a loaded magazine inserted, would prevent accidental discharges of the TSMG due to a significant jarring of the weapon. Hence, the reason for putting a third notch, Notch C, into late model 1928A1s, M1s, and M1A1s....or so I have been told.

I have personally never seen a 1928 bolt with a Notch "C." From closely scrutinizing the picture of it in Bannan & Hill's book, however, the notch front-to-rear width appears less than that same width on the M1 and M1A1. This may indicate that notch C may have been added by the military, rather than coming from the factory that way.

Bolt notches "A" and "B" hold the bolt back by the sear engaging in either one when the bolt is in its rearward position in the receiver. They also allow the safety to be put in the "on" position if either of these notches is over the sear. Interestingly, in the Handbook of the Thompson Submachine Gun, Model of 1921, in the section "I cription of Parts" the sear is described thus: "The sear (32) is of rectangular shape provided at its rear end with an edge to engage the sear notch of the bolt." Note that

the description says "the" sear notch, not "a" sear notch, indicating that notch "B" may be the true sear notch and notch "A" galy there as a back-up notch. The Com-Book of Thompson Patents compiled by Donald G. Thomas, on page 244 shows a drawing of the bolt with an additional notch on the bottom of the bolt at the area marked "B-2" in Diagram 1. The bolt in the patent drawing then has three notches that the sear can engage: "A," "B," and a notch at "B-2."

Although not specifically addressed in any of the articles, books, or manuals on the Thompson, I believe that the two notches "A" and "B" are there to compensate regarding the timing when the trigger is released in full-auto fire, so that an extra shot does not occur before the gun stops firing. Since it is practically impossible to release the trigger in relation to the position of the bolt in the receiver consistantly while the gun is in full-auto, notch "A" functions as a back up notch to stop the bolt. The patent drawing of the bolt suggest that the designers of the TSMG thought that three notches at the front bottom of the bolt may have been necessary to prevent extra shots when the trigger was released in full-auto fire. This may be because earlier prototype

sions of the Thompson were reported as ling at the rate of approximately 1500 rounds per minute. In the final produced 1921 model, however, with a cycle rate of 800 to 900 rounds per minute, only two notches, "A" and "B" may have been thought only necessary to prevent extra shots.

I have received many inquiries from TSMG shooters concerned that when the trigger is released in full-auto fire, or the stick magazine reaches empty, the bolt does not stop rearward with the actuator knob always in the same location. The position of the actuator knob, of course, corresponds to which notch in the bolt the sear is engaged in, either "A" or "B." The bolt will have momentum, whether starting forward from notch "A" or "B" to chamber a round and fire. This is not a cause for concern.

In conclusion, I again point out that I am not able to document any of the conclusions I have reached regarding the bolt notches. If any readers have different ideas or are privy to better information about them, I would be pleased to hear from them and report their thoughts in a future article.

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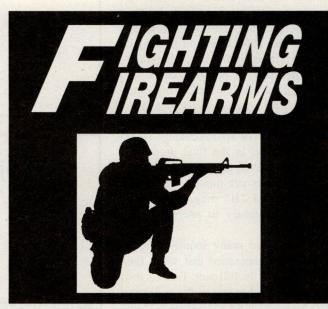
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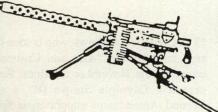


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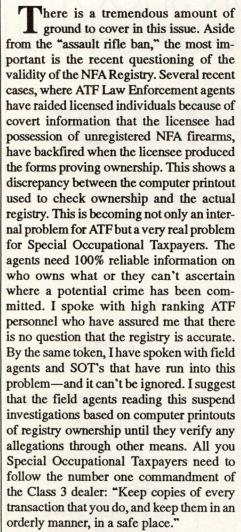
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by DAN SHEA



Along the same lines, I am in the process of doing "The Interview with Doug Oefinger" for the next issue of MGN. I am not sure what the "pit bull of the Class 3 world" has in mind, but I know that part of it is related to the accuracy of the NFA Registry and the legitimacy of the Law Enforcement Certification on forms. This promises to be an explosive interview, so don't miss it!

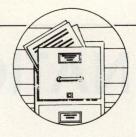
I have several more interviews planned. First is Gunnery Sergeant Carlos Hathcock, of "Marine Sniper" fame, who I am proud to claim as a friend of mine. The Gunny was a machine gunner in the Army long before he became a sniper in Vietnam, and I plan to get his perspective on various MG's of the period. Second is Lynn MacWilliams of AWC Systems Technology—guaranteed to straighten out some records and show how

his industry-leading company operates. Last, but not by any means least, Soldier of Fortune's feisty and outspoken Technical Editor, Peter G. Kokalis, is going to have a sit-down with your correspondent at the SOF convention in September. That should prove to be a very enlightening interview—Peter has access to many extremely interesting exotic firearms and circumstances. (I won't fail you guys. Pete and I WILL discuss his prejudice against the M-60 LMG!) If you have other people that you would like to see interviewed, write in and say who you are interested in. We'll try to get them for a sit-down and BS session.

Onward to the "assault weapon and magazine ban." There are a million things that I want to say, but they are all either relevant to the up-coming vote (this is being written 7/31/94) or more preaching to the choir. You will get the full take and the ramifications thereof in the next issue of MGN. I have very little doubt that these "militia weapons" will be unconstitutionally restricted in an unholy trade with the socialists that are slipping into control. I am not a pessimist and hope to be proven wrong. Until the ink from Slick Willie's pen dries on this sorry excuse for a crime bill, I will be calling every congressman I can, organizing rallies, working on state and local laws, and getting politically active so that we can throw these "fellow travelers" out in the November elections.

"Hey diddle diddle, right up the middle," "into the Valley of Death rode the 600," "Toe to the Line" and all of that. If we lose, let's lose like men and women, free Americans all, instead of the sheep that the compromisers want us to be.

Speaking of politically active, the Rally for Firearms Rights in Washington, D.C., is on August 14, 1994, and it appears that the Congress will still be in session! Those of you who can be there, I hope to see you. We chartered buses from Maine, starting up in the unorganized territories, and coming all the way down, picking patriots up as they get further south. We'll be there. We told our Congressmen and women that we were going to be there—they are meeting us, with the exception of Senator George "Big Government" Mitchell, and his hand picked would be successor, Representative Tom



"The Commie" Andrews, who is soon to be sent back to the "Arts and Croissants" crowd in the November elections. Representative Olympia Snowe (R), a solid Second Amendment supporter, is facing Andrews for Mitchell's Senate seat. Rest assured that the Hiram Maxim Historical Society, the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine and all other firearms enthusiasts in our state are out working to get Olympia elected. I hope that all of you who have a complaint with the way the anti-Second Amendment fanatics are winning, are out there working to defeat them in November. We are a silent majority, in reality, not the fantasy majority that the Big Media always quotes. Get active, friends. It's our only hope, but it's a good one!

A quick take on the new assault rifle rulings in Connecticut. The law has been ruled to read that "select-fire" (safe-semifull, safe-semi-burst, safe-burst-fu firearms are included in the ban again further private ownership. If you can prove that you owned an affected firearm before October 1, 1993, your firearm is "grandfathered" into your possession, and, as long as it is registered with the state, you may keep it. The "Doggy Bonus" here is that "FULL AUTO ONLY" firearms are not included in the ban. Here are a few examples: MP-40, M3-A1, M2-HB .50, 1919A4, Vickers, Maxim, M-60, etc. A question immediately enters my mind.... If an MP5 had a lower that was only capable of safe or full, would it pass the requirement? ATF is following the above guidelines for Connecticut residents, as of 7/22/94. Let's see where this goes. Don't forget that any machine gun that comes into your possession in Connecticut (over .22 cal), must be registered with the state within 24 hours.

An interesting note about Minnesota—registered HK sears, with exception of those for law enforcement use, must be a replacement part of a firearm on the C&R list. A ruling from August of 1993 v quoted to me by the examiner—I have state to examine the ruling in question. You Minnesotans better get a petition together to have the MP5 put on the C&R list.... (Fat chance.)

Q Last month I wrote to Class Three Supply and inquired about the following matter discussed in the enclosed letter. I would like and parts for the 7.62x54Rmm Tokarev select fire trigger pack. Class Three

Supply suggested I write you about this

matter.

Thank you Robert GB.

2-15-94

(the enclosed letter)

Gentlemen:

The office staff of the Machine Gun News recommended I contact you. I'm writing to ask if you might be able to help with the following matter. Do you know of any source the military collector might turn to find 7.62x54Rmm Tokarev rifle select fire trigger pack parts? Of course, it would be illegal to have an unregistered complete full automatic trigger pack. But a person could have a set of select fire automatic parts that was one short of the required number for full automatic function. I believe the select fire WW2 Russian Tokarev rifle was made by adding the select-fire trigger pack to the semi auto rifle. Do you know of any source for these Tokarev rifle select fire trigger pack parts? Thank you for your attention.

Robert G. B.

Response:

Thanks for trying us, but we do not have what you want. I don't know of anyone that would have this item. Perhaps a letter to MGN would help you find a reader with this item.

A Sorry for the wild goose chase. The Tokarev trigger pack you speak of would indeed convert your firearm. Any of the critical parts would be considered "readily restorable to a machine gun" by Technology Branch. Missing one piece would not be enough. The SVT-40 semi automatic rifle was converted to the AVT-40 selectfire automatic rifle in very small numbers. I don't believe I have ever run into one. To my knowledge, the work was done in the trigger pack, and the only mod to the SVT was some milling out of the stock to allow the use of the selector.

Q Instructions on 5320.20, Interstate Transport Forms, say authorization is needed for destructive devices, machine guns, SBR's and SBS's. Nowhere can I find needed for suppressors. Is it?

Also, if I, as an individual, wanted to sell an NFA item to a Class 3 dealer, is the transfer tax required?

> Sincerely, Joe K.



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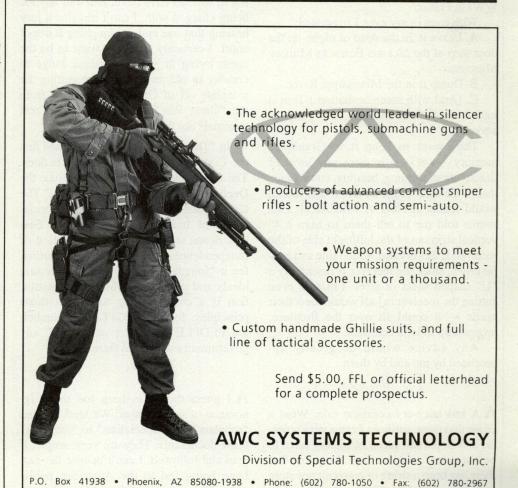
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A Yes to both. Interstate transportation of NFA registered firearms by an individual owner require the use of the 5320.20. C&R licensees don't need one for those firearms owned under their C&R license, but if they own NFA registered firearms that are not C&R, they do.

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Q I thoroughly enjoy the information and wisdom of your "Raffica". As a collector and an owner of several DEWATS and a few "tax stamped" items, friends and acquaintances expect me to be an expert on BATF, NFA and related rules, regulations, and law—WHICH I AM NOT.

As background, many families here in New Orleans occupy the same home generation after generation—and that is the case in question. I've been approached by a young man and his father asking "what to do to legally keep" an OPERATIVE Maxim 08-15 with bipod, no other related equipment, OBVIOUSLY NOT REGISTERED. They found it in the corner of their attic, probably brought home by grandfather from France after the "Great War." He's dead and gone but did fight in WWI in France.

With tears in my eyes I suggested:

A. Leave it, in the dead of night, on the door step of the Jackson Barracks Military Museum.

B. Dump it in the Mississippi River.

C. (And with some hesitation.) Turn it into the BATF — through their personal attorney.

They want to keep it in Grandpa's memory — SO — is there any level of deactivation, welding, burning, cutting etc., that in the eyes of the BATF, if it is found, would render it NOT A FIREARM. One source told me to tell them to burn a 4" vertical strip out of the left/right side of the receiver. If this is valid, which side and how far down, since the receiver is essentially a "U" shaped sheet of steel. I'm sure even cutting the receiver in half would meet their needs — it could sit over the fireplace, propped up to look complete.

Any advice would be greatly appreciated by me and by them.

Sincerely, E. R.

A sad but very common tale. What a crime that these antiques from a very colorful and important piece of history have to be lost to the family heritage. I suppose that there has been a string of convenience store robberies with MG-08/15's, but they are

probably just filling in the hole left by the dreaded rifle mounted bayonet, which Congress recently saved us from by making sure the street punks couldn't mount them on their \$3000 assault rifles. Personally, I think that the beauty and complexity of the interaction of the Maxim "Lock" would rove too complex for the current product of the public education system, and wonder what Sir Hiram himself or John Browning would have made of the vacuous stares they would get today if they tried to discuss basic physics with your average American high school student. I digress and apologize—back to your question:

The machine gun in question is contraband, and must be turned in to the ATF, police, or a state affiliated museum. The registered part of the Maxim gun is the left side plate, looking from the operator's position toward the target area. That means the side with the spring housing on it, not the side with the cocking lever. If that sideplate were torch cut from the gun, then torch cut into several pieces, there would be no violation, and the family could keep the firearm. Not turning it in is a violation. Once it is destroyed, however, there is no violation other than having failed to turn in an unregistered machine gun and destroying it, which I have never heard of anyone being charged with. I can't imagine a jury hearing that one and not laughing it out of court. I certainly wouldn't want to be the agent trying to get a Louisiana Judge to convict an old time family for cutting the sideplate off of GrandPere's trophy from the "Great War." Besides, there are real criminals out there.

Q In "The Forms" July 94, you stated that the Constitution still stands. Yes it does. The Constitution stands, only because the Declaration of Independence "stands." The Constitution exists only because the Declaration of Independence allows it! Few Americans realize that the Declaration of Independence supersedes the Constitution, for it "founds a nation" based on certain ideals and principles, while the Constitution is a custodianship to protect those principles: for the PEOPLE. Remember, the PEOPLE can "alter or abolish" any government established thereafter!

Sincerely, Don S.

A I guess there has been too much ignorance of these basics. We tend to need "scholars" and "specialists" to "interpret" these documents. They are very simple, if read and followed. I can't believe the garbage being fed to the American public today. I saw a textbook from Massachusetts

a little while ago that said the Second Amendment was outdated and not relevant to today and implied that it had been repealed. Try that with the "First" and what the Media does. An example—can no longer print the news or show it on TV until the government decides that you are not liable to libel or hurt someone, so there is a five-day waiting period for news reports. Can you hear the screams in the press?

Q I recently received my first issue of MGN. It was GREAT! I do have a few questions, though:

1. What does fully transferable mean?

2. If I was to order a Pre-81 AR-15 drop in auto-sear, what would be required to legally install it?

3. Is there anyway for an honest citizen, that does not hold an FFL or is not a cop, to purchase a SMG such as an HK MP5? Please bear in mind I live in the Soviet Socialist Republic of California!

Thanks Steve R.

A "Fully transferable" means that an American citizen, who has not forfeited his right to own firearms by either becoming a felon, a drug addict, traitor, etc, or by living in a state that restricts private ownership machine guns (yours does), may own firearm. This is as opposed to the "dealer sales sample" and "law enforcement use only" restricted firearms. Generally speaking, a fully transferable machine gun had to have been manufactured in the United States prior to May 19, 1986 (and have stayed in country), or been imported prior to 1968. It must also have been taxed and listed in the National Firearms Act Registry in order to be "transferable."

Strictly speaking, you cannot have "Forfeit" the right to keep and bear arms by living in a state, but that is a state's rights issue.

Those damn "Pre-Nov 1981 AR-15 drop in sears" are still getting people in trouble. November 1981 was when the court ruled that a "drop-in" was a machine gun and had to be registered. The drop-ins that were documented to have been made before November 1981 are legal to own, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN AR-15! You can't ever be in possession of both the rifle and sear without breaking the law. They are not legal to use under any circumstances

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Q I was cleaning my AR-15 carbine the other day when it struck me that the pinned-

in chunk of steel at the lower receiver's end has its hole just a milimeter or three away from the spot where the M16's auto sear pin would go. If I were to remove the block's would that be considered as modifying the gun to take an auto sear, meaning, could I get pinched for manufacturing an unregistered machine gun? Could someday ATF decide the carbines with pinned blocks are actually machine guns since they come with a hole that could fix an auto sear (even if it isn't the right location)? I want to keep everything legitimate. Thanks

Yours, Russ W.

A That pin hole isn't the only "sear-block" in the newer AR-15's by Colt. Most of the other manufacturers left the original dimensions in place. Colt filled in the back area where the sear would normally be. In order to make a machine gun, the metal would have to be milled out, and then the pin you ask about cut out, then that pinhole would be welded up and redrilled in the proper position. In order for an illegal act to occur, your pinhole would have to make the sear function. Cutting the pin won't do that. There is no reason that I can think of to cut that pin out. Leave well enough alone.

O I have been an avid reader of MGN for y years now, and I have to say it's the best magazine out there. Last week, during all the anti-gun hype, I bought a M11/9mm carbine (just to piss-off Rep. Schumer). I want to know, in the future how can I legally put a pistol upper on it, and put it on my pistol license? Is this at all possible? Do you know of any company which sells extended mags for it? What particular round do you suggest, if any for home defense?

Are M-73 LAW practice rockets unrestricted? One last question. Do any of the HK mags fit an SAR-9?

Thank you and keep up the good work.
Sincerely,
Angelo D.

A If your M-11 carbine has a buttstock, you can't put a short barreled upper on it without registering it as a Short Barreled Rifle, because it started its life as a rifle. Most 9mms will feed in the M-11 series firearms, one of the beauties of the gun. If you are serious about carrying it for self defense, I would suggest that you run some personal tests at the range first, compare your ability with it to your ability with a 12

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Q I'm writing this for my brother, Craig. He has had an 001 FFL for over 20 years as a part time "hobby" gunsmith with some over the counter sales to people.

The problem is he has been caught up in all this flooding in Georgia; he was not flooded out. However all of his records have been under water for quite some time and are a mess-also some records were washed away during the flooding.

Mr. Shea, all my brother wants to do at this time is get his life back together. He would just like to give up his FFL but is scared, as I am, that because of lost records and water and mud damaged forms, they'll come after him.

What can you tell us about this problem and serious matter. I told him it was an "Act of God" but that might not keep him out of trouble.

Now for my question. Can I just carry a photo copy of my paper work when I travel out of state with my Thompson, for fun shoots?

When I go out of state I do carry the original. What is the best policy to use when traveling?

> Sincerely, Mark J. W.

A ATF is aware of these problems and doesn't persecute the victims of these "Acts of God." If they do, that is what your Congressman is for. One phone call from the Congressman's office telling them to lay off will handle any out-of-control agent, I can assure you. The agency is not interested in having any more harassment of private citizens publicity in Congress.If your brother just wants to get out of the business because he's depressed, try to cheer im up—we need all the good men we can Six months from now, when Georgia dries out, he may feel different, and getting the licence will mean reapplying. As far as his records go, he should either call the local ATF and try to reconstruct them, or, if he wants, he can just send them a letter requesting that they cancel his license, and mail in what records he has to the appropriate address. I suggest a cover letter explaining the flood damage, and keeping copies of whatever he does send in to them. Let me know how he does, OK?

As an individual, you need an approved Form 5320.20 before you cross state lines, of course. I would carry photocopies of the registrations with me, and keep the originals in a safe place.

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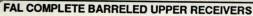
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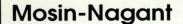
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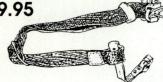


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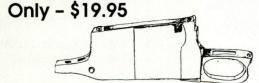
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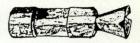
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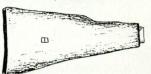




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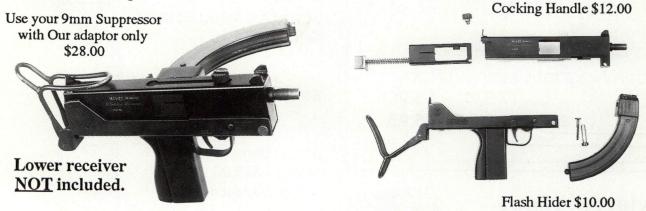
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