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Mannlichers in Denmark

Ever since Philip Sparholt joined the TMC and we began to chat about Mannlichers in Denmark and I have been waiting for him to come forward with an article. He was the first member to verify observing Mannlicher-Schoenauers in the near mythical 9.3x57mm, identifying them as reworks from several European gunsmiths, thus he whetted my appetite for more Danish information! Now here is Phillip:

A True Love Story

by

Philip Sparholt

In the middle of the 1970s I started to visit my older brother's gun shop. There I was probably a pain, because I was given the choice of working in the shop for free, or go home to our parents. I never found out what my brother thought of my decision, but I learned the trade, beginning with sorting screws by the threading, making springs, bolts, claw mounts, and making repairs to many guns. In that shop was also an old gunsmith, well past 80, who was a well of knowledge, tips, and tricks, from which I benefit today.

In Denmark there is hardly room for handcrafting gunsmiths and gun control is rigorously enforced. Illegal possession of a firearm puts you in jail for a minimum of one year. These conditions sent me to engineering school, ending in a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, and a better understanding of the threading of screws!

In that old gun shop we occasionally received Mannlicher-Schoenauers for repairs or on commission, and by working in the shop I learned the exceptional quality of these fine old rifles (preferably those made before 1924, or at least pre-1950.) Many of these Mannlichers arrived with fine old scopes, and were still in use for hunting, but we only handled the 6.5mm and 8mm in the shop, as I had never seen the other calibers in Denmark, although I did find the cartdriges, so I knew the rest were out there somewhere. I fell in desparate love with these rifles, the pricing level at that time being the cause of that despiration. It exceeded a craftsman's salary of several month's, and buying one was far beyond my reach!

Many years passed until I decided one day to look for my old love, by then having piled up a stack of notes. Almost at once, admitting that I knew where to look and who to ask, a wreck of a Model 1908 in the original caliber surfaced. Maybe it was a wreck, but it was just as beautiful as I remembered, and I was happy when I bought it for less than 500 USD. The rifle had once been mounted with an original claw mount, but now the scope was gone and the rest of the claw removed. It did have a horn plate, and the cleaning rod was long gone. Fortunately test firing showed and acceptable grouping, so the thought of rebarreling to 7x57mm disappeared.

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Three versions of 6.5x54mm Mannlicher-Schoenauers, from left to right, SBS-96 150 Year Commemorative, MCA-61, M1903. Dating from 1919 to 1998, all three carbines are successfully "field experienced" Take your M-S afield too!

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A True Love Story continued from page one

Polishing the metal and oiling the stock accomplished miracles, and then I started making the claw mounts from scratch. Fortunately, EAW still manufactures the rings, AKAH does too, but they do not sell their goods in Denmark for some reason. The front play was no problem, except for the engraving which I have never been familiar with, but the result was fair. Now, the catch/lock was more challenging. Normally I would just fit the new mounts to the rifle, but here I had to construct and fill out the receiver and fit the claws from the modern rings. Those efforts required some 40 hours of milling, turning, filing, and soldering before fitting a brand new short magnum Burris riflescope. The Burris is not historically correct, and I am of the opinion that I do not have to be perfectly correct when I am building a hunting rifle! A modern rifle scope is a necessity when you plan on serious hunting. (I've also fitted a red dot sight as well, making this handy rifle excellent for hunting roe deer at close range.)

Working in the gun shop, I had once seen an original Mannlicher cleaning rod, and I wanted one. At last I succeeded in tracking down the rifle after more than thirty years. Both rifle and cleaning rod were in miserable condition. We, in the shop, had ruined the rifle years before by rechambering it to 8x57 JS, for the customer, since access to the 8x56mm Mannlicher ammunition was difficult and expensive. The cleaning rod had very worn threads, and the rifle had been stored badly, rusted, but still it worked fine. Finally, buying was not an option.

However all was not lost. I was allowed to borrow the cleaning rod for copying, and made the necessary drawings. The only difference to my copy is the threading, the original appears to be 3.5mm Lowenhertz, which is the European version of BA. I use 3.5mm for both convenience and not to falsify the original rods. Actually, I do have access to 3.5mm Lowenhertz tools as well.

Spreading the news of my old love, Mannlichers suddenly started to appear everywhere in the hands of my friends and acquaintances. Most were Model 1908 and a few Model 1903, including one take down in an original case formerly possessed by a Gurkha Regiment in India. How it ended up in Denmark, I would like to know, and one of the M1908 models had been rebarreled to 9.3x57mm.

A few observations upon the cleaning rods. Everyone is now asking for the rods, and I have had to start a small-scale production of them, including a few members of the MCA benefiting from my new supply. Having a cleaning rod in the stock is really a genius, and has saved my hunting three times now, and a fellow hunter's as well when deep in the Swedish woods while hunting moose. The extra cartridges in the stock are fun, but not so useable as the cleaning rod! (I keep my extra cartridges in my rucksack while hunting.)

In closing, some people will probably be of the opinion that newer and more modern rifles are both more accurate and more sturdy, but they are not as beautiful, and you

do spend more time in the simple company of your rifle, than shooting with it.

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In addition to the Mannlicher-Schoenauer cleaning rods, Philip is also into making parts for Steyr Zephyrs. He has a true love of Mannlichers!
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The Sparholt cleaning rod set



Philip's favorite "hunting dog" and the M1908 Mannlicher



Model NO with Steyr proprietary scope mount
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An MCA Project

I spotted this “project” online a few weeks ago and could not decide whether I should tackle it or not. It was just an average MCA rifle in caliber .243 WCF, nothing rare or unusual about it, except that I did not have one in my collection. (Why would I want a plain Jane MCA when I already have a Premier .243 WCF carbine?) The answer is that I decided I wanted a hunting/culling rifle, and to this highly prejudiced shooter, a .243 WCF rifle really means a head shooting culling rifle. Sure, a .243 WCF almost competes with my more favored 6.5x54mm, 6.5x55mm, 6.5x57mm, .257 Roberts, and .260 Remington rifles, but, what about the power aspect? Well, the .243 WCF hangs in there at 2090 foot pounds of muzzle energy, exceeding on paper the power of the basic 139 grain loads in the 6.5mm M-S and the basic .257 Roberts loads, then falls behind when the 6.5 M-S goes to the 156 grain bullet, and drops a little more behind when scored against the 6.5mm Swede, 6.5x57mm, .260 Remington, and the .257 Roberts +P ammo. However, what are we talking about? The advantage is no more than 200 to 300 foot pounds of energy, and I am not persuaded that a Whitetail Deer can tell the difference when the bullet is properly aimed. Sorry, I just have a terrible prejudice in favor of the heaviest bullets I can drive out of the bore of my rifle. I guess that is why I like 220 grain bullets out of a .30-06.

So, upon close examination of the photos of this .243, I discovered that I have a lot of polishing to do on the bolt, it shows signs of disrespect, but otherwise the piece appears okay. It’s just a basic half stock MCA rifle, but it promises to be a decent Whitetail rifle, then, I am into culling, meat hunting not trophy hunting. I took my eight point Northern Whitetail eighteen years ago, and he still dominates from over the mantelpiece in my trophy room, looking down upon a 56 inch Kudu.

On finally collecting the MCA from the store I had a real surprise waiting for me. Oh my goodness! A genuine original front sight hood was still on the front ramp! That discovery made the two and a half hour drive to pick it up well worth the effort! As to the other features of the rifle, it is not in as poor a shape as I expected by any means, a 1965 product, and easily rating 90% condition. The only surfaces really in need of care are the bolt and trigger, so I can get to work with the superfine steel wool and Happich Simichrome polish. Sometimes you just happen to encounter a good thing.



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Please Help a Member

One of our members is in need of assistance. He has a 6x42mm Hensoldt rifle scope that has been on his M-S since he bought it on base in Europe. Now the scope needs maintenance and thus far he has been unable to find a reliable maintenance provider. He has spoken with the Carl Zeiss people (my first suggestion) both here in the USA and in Germany and been informed that they do not work on Hensoldt products. Anyone with contacts or experience with Hensoldt repairs, please contact Major Richard A. Starke, Sr., 5 Elm Street, Burlington, ND 58722, USA.

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How to Feel Weird With a Mannlicher

Right, I said WEIRD. Take yourself down to your local gun show. Well mine wasn’t so local, I had to drive three hours to get there, but that’s Texas for you. Now, sling that Mannlicher-Schoenauer over your shoulder and walk the floor. Yes, this was a .30-06 MC carbine with Redfield scope mount bases and the peep sight, and it is in 90%+ condition. Actually, I believe it’s a MC-1960, because the cheek piece is a MCA style and not the pancake of the MC.

After walking half way through the large hall and having had a significant play with the dealers you discover via checking table prices that you probably have the most expensive rifle in the show right there on your shoulder. Hey, to a Mannlicher collector, this is just a so-so example, but you are receiving accolades seemingly all out of proportion. That happened to me recently, and I skipped right out of there, nothing felt right at all, but there will be another show, sooner or later.

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News for 6.5x54mm M-S Shooters

Big news for 6.5x54mm shooters! I just finished searching through my newest reloading catalog from Graf’s and Sons, www.grafs.com, and was very positively surprised to find Privi Partizan Primed and Unprimed Brass offered in 6.5x54MS. They added “Available in November, 2009” to the listing, probably typical as I seem to remember their listing the same way when Privi brought their 9.3x62mm brass into the market. The listed price for unprimed 6.5x54 MS is \$49.99 per 100 and \$237.45 per 500, which clearly beats the price for Norma brass. It looks like someone is looking after us 6.5 MS shooters. I hope to see loaded 6.5x54mm ammo from Privi showing up soon. Also, in a sign of the times, Graf’s notes that 6.5mm Jap and 7.92x33mm Kurz are being discontinued. If you have not used Privi Partizan ammo yet, you should. My personal experience is restricted to 6.5x57mm, 7.65mm Argentine, and 9.3x62mm, and it has always been positive. For hunters, I can see no difference on the range between Sellier & Beloit and Privi Partizan in the 6.5x57mm ammo fired via a Steyr-Mannlicher Model M. (Fresh news, Midway has dropped their price for Norma brass.)

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Annual Meeting and Show at Tulsa, Oklahoma

We are inviting every member of the MCA to attend our annual gathering, to be held this year at the Wanemacher Gun Show at the Oklahoma Fair Grounds November 13-14-15, 2009. Friday, the 13th is set up day and our first evening event at the headquarters hotel, the Tulsa Select, located at 5000 Skelly Road. Rooms are reserved for MCA members at the rate of \$82.00 per night, double occupancy. The "Presidents Reception" will be in one of the hotel party rooms, hosted by our President, Rob Blank, and should offer us plenty of time to begin chatting Mannlichers. I hope to have a lot to chat about with new Mannlichers, and I hope that you will too. It does not appear that we have enough material to justify an auction this year, so that fun event will have to be put off until next year, so the Saturday night dinner (estimated cost is \$30.00 per person, gratuity included) and meeting should go forward smoothly with ample time to continue talking Mannlichers, hunting, and sports in general.

We hope to see you at the show. If our previous experience in Tulsa is a proper measure, we will see plenty of Mannlichers and Steyrs, plus, the show manager is very bullish upon the business in general, as this is the granddaddy of all USA gun shows. As a reminder, the contact numbers for the Tulsa Select are (918) 622-7000 and (800) 551-2409.

Current menu plan for Saturday night is:

Mediterranean Artichoke Salad
Fresh Garden Salads
Herb encrusted Pork Loin w/Sauce Dijonnaise
Hand carved Sirloin w/Wild Mushroom Sauce
"Desert Pantry"
beverages
open bar

A more clear picture of a Steyr Proprietary scope mount using "normal" scope mounting rings. Rifle is a NO.



Loads for "Oversized" Bores

by
Don Henry

The question was, "My 6.5x54MS has a bore oversized .267-inch with excellent lands and slightly smokey grooves. Is there a cast bullet which will fit this bore?"

The frosted grooves in your rifle suggest "erosion" from blow by powder gasses, indicating the rifle has been fired with .264 bullets. Use of cast bullets, while they will seal the bore, will foul the rough bore rapidly, degrading accuracy and requiring frequent cleaning to prevent lead build up from contributing to bore corrosion. That understood, 36 loads for Lyman cast bullets #266469, #266324, and #266455 may be found on page 173 of the old Lyman *Handbook of Cast Bullets*. Lyman cast bullets are 0.266 inch, per the mold number, but size can be varied via the alloy.

For several decades, English & Germanic riflemen and makers had a quaint notion that bullets should be .003 inch under groove diameter. While interesting, these theories did not prove useful in the light of more recent investigation. While this may result in reduced recoil (allowing gas to blow by, better results come from a reduced powder charge behind a tight fitting bullet, yet it is amazing what accuracy can be achieved with undersized bullets in some barrels.

Shot out or pitted barrels were, and are still "freshened out." This light reborring usually requires .003-.004 of metal to be removed to smooth the lands and grooves. When done, this is seldom marked on the barrel, and often causes subsequent owners to incorrectly assume the barrel was made oversize. Of the several "oversize" barrel Mannlichers I have examined, none have been even close to new condition. (Note: in the case of the 9x56MS it is generally believed that the factory bored to two or three dimensions.)

So, your barrel would be better served by using 0.267-inch jacketed bullets as made by MCA member Steve Schroeder (1421 Thermal Ave., San Diego, CA 92154) at labor of love prices. Several tests of Steve's bullets published in the TMC show them capable of delivering extraordinary groups.

In addition to convenience and accuracy, you may expect the use of these bullets to progressively iron-out the slight roughness in your barrel. You will likely want special sizing dies and will need a neck expander for loading the oversize bullets. Contact the Special Order Supervisor at RCBS (606 Oro Dam Blvd., Oroville, CA 95965 Phone 800-533-5000)

In addition to loading data published in several back issues of TMC, 34 loads for the 6.5x54mm M-S are listed in Ken Waters, Pet Loads (Wolfe Publishing, 6471 Airpark Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301.)

Don

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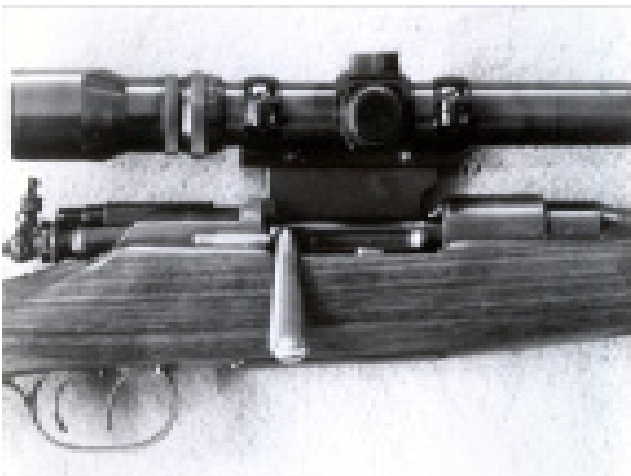
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Strange Things Do Happen

Some readers may remember the search for the relative rarity of calibers within the post WWII series of Mannlichers, and the .244 Remington leads the pack, being listed in 1959-1960 only. I searched for years and found only one .244 Rem Model MC. Now, within the last three months of 2009 I have turned up three of them, and judging by the reported conditions, they were essentially never used. The .244 never did make it as a hunting round! **LLS**



Two Photos of the Griffin & Howe mounts on a M1903 and a M1952 side by side. Below a photo showing the G&H and the space available for use of open sights on a M1903. note: I've only used the open sights once in 25 years.



Scope Mounting Solutions for Mannlicher Schoenauers

Another set of questions concerning scope mounts for Mannlicher-Schoenauers has popped up recently, so, I realized that another short column on the subject is again in order. I will preface this statement by saying that this applies primarily to Post WWII M-S. Before WWII there was a vast variety of proprietary mounting systems often keyed to very specific scope designs and hand tooled mounting systems (claws being the most common.) After WWII is when the era of standardization set in. Only one Pre WWII design has survived, the Griffin & Howe which remains in production to this day.

The first "standard" mount was by Steyr, and you can see it in the Shooter's Bibles of the 1950s and early 1960s. This was a somewhat proprietary mount and fitted only certain scope designs as noted in the catalogues. Soon firms like Pachmyr, Jaeger, Leupold, even Williams stepped in with their own designs. In the early 1960s, Redfield settled the scope mounting battle with their two piece design, using the screw holes drilled in the left rear side of the receiver to accommodate the Steyr mount and added two more mounting holes in the receiver ring. These bases mated with standard Redfield and Leupold scope rings to complete the system.

Moving on to aesthetics, the best looking mounts on a M-S appear to be the Griffin & Howe, Jaeger, EAW, and Redfield, plus the Steyr if you have the right scope. I own a pair of Premiers with the Steyr mount, and they are perfect, but they require German style scopes. The Leopold is probably the next most aesthetic mount, although beware of the gapping screw holes if or when you should ever remove the mount! The same may be said of the Pachmyr, Buehler and Williams mounts, and personally I would not have one in my collection (I've even sold M-Ss because of the mount.)

Please note that all of these mounts require some form of gunsmithing, usually drilling and tapping of appropriate holes in the receiver. The G&H, EAW, and Jaeger mounts which use the left side plate of post WWII receivers point out the genius of Steyr in accepting the G&H style as a leading contender for scope mounts, and these are solid mounts, even if they are somewhat heavy, and depending upon the scope design, the shooter may still use the iron sights as needed. Of course, to North American eyes, the Redfield is most desirable for its simplicity and standardization. Drawbacks of the Redfield are the covering up of the data on the receiver ring (defect shared by several other US made mounts) and the inability to use the iron sights without removing the scope.

As an aside, G&H side mounts, as well as Jaeger and EAW, can be fitted to pre WWII Mannlichers, as the Redfield can too, when fitted by a competent gunsmith. I hope this information is helpful to some of our members, maybe even to win a bet or two. **LLS**

Big Bore Cartridges

If you are into Mannlichers, you may just also be interested in the assorted big bore cartridges that make up part of the appeal of the African and Asian hunting of the late 1800s and the early 1900s. Personally, I've had the bug since I was about ten years old and read my first Edgar Rice Burroughs TARZAN novel. Recently I came upon an excellent title, well researched and provided with apparently fine data tables. The book is "International Big Bore Cartridge Load Data Collection" by Pierre van der Walt, a South Africa hunter and writer. It is a soft cover 8 1/2 x 11 1/2, on slick paper 156 page handful of data listing history, application and reloading information for thirty-one selected big bore cartridges, starting with the 9.3x62mm Mauser and ending with the .585 Nyati. You can find this book in online shops.

The cartridges of direct reloading interest to a user of Mannlichers include the 9.3x62mm Mauser, 9.3x64mm Brenneke, .375 H&H Magnum, 10.75x68mm Mauser, and the .458 Winchester, with periodic references to the 9.5x57mm M-S added for comparisons. In African terms, the foregoing cartridges are standards which can handle just about every animal on the continent, and have done so for decades. For a lover of African hunting and the more famous big bore rifles and their ammunition, that is where this book shines. The author has collected and published data, most of it directly tested and all of it properly sourced, for feeding many of the more interesting hunting rounds, like .450-400 Nitro Express, .404 Jeffery, .416 Taylor and Remington Magnums, .416 Rigby, .450-3 1/4" Nitro Express, .500-.465 Holland & Holland, .470 Nitro Express, .475 #2 Nitro Express, and the .577 Nitro Express, just to provide a partial listing of the rest of the material listed in the contents.

The author had to limit his discussion, so you will not find the Hawk and Dakota series of modern big bores discussed, but ample space is reserved for the long established Weatherby cartridges. Some space is also devoted to the trials and tribulations of supporting the heavy duty African cartridges thru the tough times after WWII when German ammunition dried up and Kynoch finally ceased production of the old, tried and true English cartridges in favor of newer choices from Winchester and Weatherby, but all that began to change in the 1980s, resulting in the present day renaissance in big bore ammunition. This topic of ammunition selection is also expanded into what the author defines as "Green Band" and a discussion of impact performance on African game, and indeed applicable to any really heavy animals, including North American Elk, Bison and the large Bears.

For the many 9.3mm fans in the MCA, I highly recommend the discourses on the 9.3x62, 9.3x64, and 9.3x74R as defining the 9.3mm mystique in a nutshell, which is an accomplishment itself when compared to the very long 9.3mm threads on some websites. Overall, this is an interesting book, and one that should be on the shelf of anyone reloading for the classic Big Bore rifles.

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MCA Safari, 2010

It is getting down to the time when people will need to commit if they want to join us in our June, 2010, safari to South Africa. We still have room for two hunters, plus their significant others if you wish. The menu includes all of the premier plains game, plus Leopard and Cape Buffalo, provided permits are available. A heavy dangerous game rifle is only required if you choose to pursue the DG, otherwise a .30-06 or 9.3x62mm will be ample firepower for anywhere in the Bushveld-Limpopo country. Light rifles are always nice to carry, as in 6.5x55mm thru the 7mms and .308. One hunter in our 2007 safari was quite successful with a .308, so, for most members of the MCA, rifle selection should not be an issue.

My personal "big issue" for this hunt is the current weather in Texas, it is much too hot for getting out and practicing like I have done in the past, and target practice is something definitely required for African hunting (or any hunting when you get right down to business.) Then there is the exercise too, I have to be out on the street by 7:30 AM to beat the heat. All this effort in preparing to hunt in Africa where the weather will approximate fall in North America.

Ammunition for my rifles be all handloaded .30-06 and 9.3x62mm. Bullets are from Nosler and RWS, brass is Winchester and RWS, and the powder is IMR-4350 and RL-15. Primers will be F215 (If I can find any), or Remington 9 1/2 Magnum, which I do have, and, NO, I will not be taking my Ruger #1 .450-400 Nitro-Express along as a backup gun. I don't need an elephant gun for sniping at Klipspringers! Now, the only real decision left for me is photographic, do I or do I not buy a high end digital camera to replace my tried and true 35mm film guzzling Nikon N90s?

So, if anyone is interested in joining the 2010 MCA Safari, please contact myself, Larry Stewart, at llsierra@suddenlink.net, or by mail at the MCA address. You may also contact Rob Blank at the same address. Our hosts may be checked out online at www.bushafricasafaris.co.za for a complete picture of the camp and what is available for both the hunter and non-hunters who make the journey.

I hope to meet some of you in the Bushveld!

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