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2009 Annual MCA Meeting in Tulsa, OK, USA

The Mannlicher Collectors Association held its 2009 annual meeting on 13,14,15 November at the Tulsa Select Hotel in Tulsa OK, USA, in conjunction with the huge Wannemacher Tulsa Gun Show (biggest in the USA). Members began arriving on Thursday afternoon, and some did not leave until Monday. We had three show tables in the main (upper deck) hall in an excellent location, right at the head of the ramp connecting the two levels of the building. Our display had the most Mannlichers of any at the show, five, then what else would you expect? Here are the quick specifics on what was on display at the tables, and I doubt if we counted every Steyr product on display, not in the 7-8 miles of tables to sort through on the run. However, we spotted and agreed upon ten Mannlicher-Schoenauers and ten assorted Steyr-Mannlichers and SBS-96 models, including a nice Super Delux and a heavily overpriced .30-06 delux. Right here I need to insert a comment about pricing in Tulsa, across the board the posted prices were usually astronomical, although some dealers/vendors were willing to bargain. Others were stuck in the "take it or leave it mode", which may be a sign of the economy, or it may not. In any case, expectations seemed very out of step with the available funds in the pockets of the buyers. As an example of pricing, we discovered one average 7x57mm MCA carbine that sold for \$900.00, in a market where vendors were asking \$1895 to \$3300 for similar examples. Then there was a rusted and worn .30-06 M1952 with a price tag of \$1400.00. These prices make GunBroker.com appear to be a good deal.

On the positive side, we had a wonderful time talking with people of all tastes, as well as enjoying the company of old friends. Our display drew a lot of interest in a venue crammed with interesting firearms and accessories. Many questions came about spare parts, scope mounts, pricing, ammunition, and model identification. We passed out a number of membership applications, several of which have arrived at the post office box, making another positive result for this show.

As far as who traveled the farthest to attend the meeting, we had two real travelers, Lynn Levensgood from Alaska, and Tommy Tompkins from the Virgin Islands. After consulting my National Geographic Globe of the World, the honor of the farthest traveler goes to Lynn by over a thousand miles

We held our Friday night gathering in the Hotel bar after a fine dinner at a "Charleston's" restaurant two miles from the Hotel. The topics were Mannlichers, naturally, and just catching up on the past year. Saturday night was the main event with an excellent buffet dinner and more chatter, often reaching what was once called conversational sync in the 1980s and 1990s. With no raffle or auction, everyone managed to get to sleep relatively early, and after a solid day of talking at the show, that was probably best for everyone. Next year we hope to have accumulated sufficient goods for another auction and raffle. Sunday was another busy day at the show, followed by a more leisurely dinner at Charleston's with ten of us present.

I need to apologize to everyone for the lack of photos. There is some sort of incompatibility with the photos I have scanned in, and they will not transfer into PageMaker. When I find the error, I will post the better photos. No photos from the show, they don't allow them for security reasons.

Now the issue is to decide upon where we should meet in 2010. Members tossed around possibilities Saturday and Sunday nights, made no decisions but did come up with a list of places, including Louisville, Kentucky; Columbus, Ohio; and Las Vegas, Nevada. If anyone has a good idea, now is the time to bring it forward, like for instance, Hartford, Connecticut.

Waidmannsheil! LLS



A European View of the 6.5x54mm Mannlicher by Dr. Hermann Gerig

This column is taken from an article published by one of our members, Dr. Hermann Gerig, in the Austrian IWO magazine from September 3rd, 2008. For those of you unfamiliar with this magazine, it is a German language publication supporting the shooting sports with articles similar to the "American Rifleman." Dr. Gerig has presented an excellent dissertation on the M1903 and M1950, as well as some Steyr history which deserves repeating.

"John Moses Browning was a prolific inventor within the firearms world, as is well known to anyone that reads American literature, however, between 1874 and 1904 Mannlicher invented more gun models than either Browning or Mauser. Close to 150 models came from the Steyrwerk, and many more of Mannlicher's ideas can be seen in assorted rifles such as the M-1 Garand, Canadian Ross Rifle, and the Schmidt-Rubin."

Justly, the most famous of Mannlicher's firearms is the 6.5x54mm Model of 1903. This version was presented to the world at the Paris World Fair of 1900 in what was then the Model 1900 Mannlicher-Schoenauer with the 6.5x54mm rimless cartridge. Three years later the somewhat improved M1903 version was presented and quickly accepted by the Greek Government as their official military arm in both rifle and carbine versions with the large round bolt knob. In this new model, the rotary magazine was established, as well as the commercial model flat bolt handle and hand work necessary to achieve the smooth operation that became the hallmark of the design.

The commercial Mannlichers had many popular features including full stocked carbine versions, half stocked rifles and carbines, removable stocks, wing safeties, space for two reserve cartridges and cleaning equipment within the stock, and special order diopter (peep) sights

A comment should be made about the early European scope mountings that required large dove tail cuts made into the receiver. These mounting cuts are considered to make the rifle unsafe for firing. In Austria, such rifles are not to be fired at all. In the United States, after WWII, P.O. Ackley tested many bolt action rifles where he discovered Mannlichers so cut were the first actions to explode, probably due to the severity of these scope mounting cuts. Most Mannlicher collectors today will turn down offers of M-S so disfigured.. (Note: Ackley also discovered that the much maligned Japanese Arisaka action was one of the strongest.)

The 6.5x54mm Mannlicher cartridge has an unmistakable silhouette, thanks to the 54mm long case and the very long (pencil) 10.3 gram (156 grain) bullet. This heavy 6.5mm bullet results in a very high sectional density which in turn yields exceptional effect on heavy and plains

game alike. Considering that when the cartridge was conceived in the late 1890s, most hunting was done with open sights at distances less than 100 meters, thus the ballistics of the heavy bullets were not a hindrance in making shots out to 160 meters. (After 160 meters the heavy bullet drops drastically - 200m= -17cm, at 300m= -74cm, which may explain why more modern ammunition is loaded with 139 grain bullets to enable greater range as a deer cartridge.)

The small Mannlicher-Schoenauer was quickly accepted by hunters world wide. Steyr was at that time one of the greatest weapons producers in Europe with a production of about 600,000 pieces a year. With expeditions in the Arctic (Stefanson, 1906), with hunting in Africa (W.D.M. Bell), and with moose hunters in Scandinavia, the .256 Mannlicher, as it was known in English terminology, found great approval. Even Elmer Keith, to whom no caliber seemed large enough, wrote in 1950 in the "American Rifleman" about the 6.5 Mannlicher-Schoenauer carbine and its cartridge: excellent penetration and good uniform wound channel with 160 grain soft point bullets. (For more precise shooting it remains better to use bullets of the 160 grain class such as from Kynoch or the 158 grain ((10.3 gram)) RWS)

After World War II the Mannlicher-Schoenauer returned to production as the Model of 1950. Once again they were marked "Made in Austria," after the war production of "Made in Germany" although all production never left Steyr. The 6.5x54mm was back in production again, but there were differences. The barrel is now thicker, heavier, the reserve cartridge slots in the buttstock are gone, the stock is now stronger, and heavier, and there are now two safety designs, flip, and a slide. Overall, the M1950 remains a trim looking piece, but without the elegant appearance and light weight of the original M1903.

Many thanks to Dr. Gerig for sharing his information and his experience!



Scoped M1903 Steyr Mount



Scoped M1950, Leupold Mount
Notice the heavier stock of the 1950

Pretty Variations of the Mannlicher-Schoenauer

These two images are selected to showcase examples of the earlier decorations of the Premier line of Steyr products. This variation surfaced with the 1956-MC model, although it has its roots in the 1952 vintage Deluxe and Super Deluxe versions. In fact, if my photo reviews have been correct, someone could do a study on just those two variations, as they were quite custom, seemingly no two were alike, or very close anyway, since it appears (some speculation now), that Steyr was feeling its way into the carriage trade with these highly decorated models.

If you have a premier to look at, compare these photos with your rifle and note the differences between a later model and these early ones (provided compliments of MCA member Tommy Tompkins.) In both cases the engraving is set apart by a border of sorts, where a later model from the mid 1960s forward does not. Indeed the later models also have much more extensive engraving than the early ones. In fact, the 1968 vintage MCA carbine resting on my knees is engraved from muzzle to the aft end of the receiver, where it engages the safety slide cover.

Now, for a difference that I believe disappeared in the late 1950s, the light carving on the stock. The photos reveal this decoration showing around the bolt handle and the magazine well. Where the late production carving is bold and deep, this is more tasteful (to me) and still well done. It is not so deep as that of the later Premiers, but good looking nonetheless. I like it!

Now, a question for those of you more informed upon Premiers and their artists. I have seen "signed" versions of the engraving and unsigned ones as well. My pair appear to be unsigned, or I may not know how or where to look for the artist's mark, although I think I have gone over the pair in minute detail. Any suggestions or personal experience?

As for future information, some of you have collections including these nicer versions. It would be useful to see and read more about these fine pieces of the gunsmith's art!
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Stand alone Bear on floorplate. notice that the Steyr logo remains in place, alone and outside the engraving, unlike later examples.

(Lower Left - A late model Premier provided for comparison)

Oakleaf pattern on bolt handle and stock!

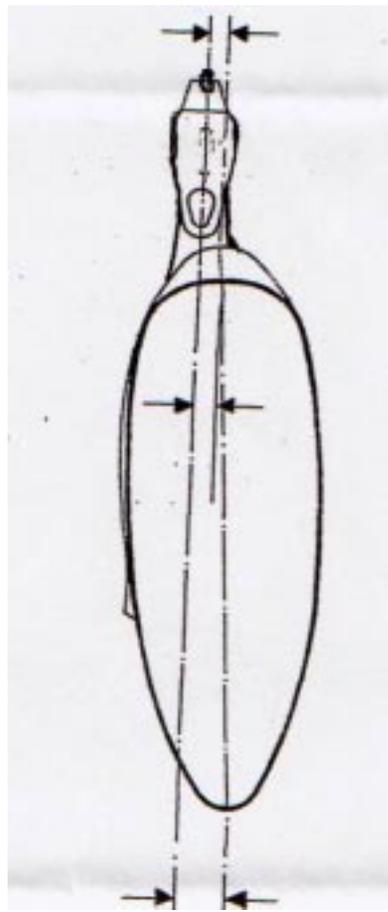


“Cast” in Mannlicher-Schoenauer Stocks

by
Lynn Levensgood

One reason for Mannlicher rifles having their reputation for quickly pointing on target is that their stocks were manufactured with a cast-off configuration. The “cast” of a gun is the amount the stock is set over to the left or right in relation to the axis of the bore centerline. (fig. 1) The sought after principle is to create a stock that, when mounted, allows the shooter’s eye to align with the sights (or scope) without canting the head. In the field we walk with our heads erect so it makes sense that a rifle stock which permits the sights to be naturally aligned without canting our head will reduce the time it takes to achieve proper sight alignment. Most American manufactured rifles have very little or usually no cast whatsoever.

Cast is measured at the heel and toe of the buttstock. A stock angled to the right is referred to as having cast-off, and to the left as having cast-on. Right handers usually want cast-off, and left handers cast-on. Broad shouldered and wide-faced persons require more cast. Similarly, there is usually more cast in the toe than heel to properly accommodate our chest muscles. Stocks with greater toe cast slightly cant the stock into the shooter’s face. However, like a good single malt scotch, a little is better than a lot. In his excellent book, “Gunfitting”, stockmaker Michael Yardley notes that cast



measuring 3/16 inch at the heel and 5/16 inch at the toe is typical, and that for bolt-action rifles the absolute maximum is 3/8 inch at the heel.

Mannlicher-Schoenauer stocks were manufactured with cast-off. What the factory design specifications were for cast-off in any one or all of the various models is unknown. (If any of our members have further insight here, please drop us a line!) I measured the cast-off on seven different rifles representing four different models. Cast-off at the heel varied from none to 3/8 inch. (See list below) At the toe, cast-off varied from 3/16 to 1/2 inch. The most frequent measure was 1/8 inch at the heel and 3/16 at the toe. That these 50 to 90 year old stocks may have slightly warped or twisted over time is likely. However, my examination and measurements lends support to the age old claim and reputation that cast-off assists Mannlicher-Schoenauers to be among the quickest pointing rifles ever produced.

Cast-off Measurements=

MS Model	caliber	cast-off at heel	cast off at toe
1903	6.5x54mm	1/8 inch	3/16 inch
1908	8x56mm MS	3/8 inch	1/2 inch
1910	8x57mm	1/8 inch	3/16 inch
MCA GK	.30-06	none	3/16 inch
MCA GK	7x64mm	3/16 inch	3/8 inch
MCA GK	.270 WCF	1/8 inch	3/16 inch

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The 9.3mm Two Step

Some people would call a 9.3mm cartridge the worldwide standard for serious big game hunting, and they might be right, if not for the impact of the English and Americans upon the hunting fields, especially in Africa and India. The question soon arises, "Who originated the dangerous game cartridges?" and thus begins an even larger argument. In deference to history, we must give the tip of the hat to that question to the English and their original 4, 6, 8, and 10 bore black powder guns, but that all precedes the development of true DGR cartridges.

In the second half of the 19th Century, gunmakers began to look upon the case of weapons for explorers and big game hunters, and soon came the influx of large bore black powder cartridges based upon the assorted military ammunitions of the day. In fact, you can see the remnants of this development in the existing rimmed big bore ammunition still in use in cartridges like the .450-400 NE, .500-.465, .470 NE, and such mostly English developments. However, hunters and gentlemen explorers wanted lighter and more powerful rifles, and thus, with inspiration from smokeless powder, came the next wave of DGR munitions, including the .425 Westley-Richards, 10.75x68m Mauser, .416 Rigby, .450-400, .404 Jeffery, .375 H&H, .350 Rigby, and 9mm Mannlicher.

In the midst of this revolution, in 1912 Otto Bock created the 9.3x62mm Mauser, a German round designed as a "do all", able to take meat for the pot as well as drop a Lion or a Cape Buffalo. Above all, a rifle for this new cartridge had to be inexpensive. Germany was sending farmers to its African colonies, and they had discovered the requirement for this new "do all" rifle, especially the cost. English made rifles were excellent, but entirely too expensive for a hard working farmer.

In short order, the 9.3x63mm became the leading medium bore in Africa and India. Its 286 grain bullets could do the job wherever the hunter went, and German companies continued to churn out cartridges after WWI for sporting use. This was not a forbidden military round, nor were rifles so chambered considered military, so a gunsmith could continue to pursue his trade by making rifles for overseas use.

This practice was somewhat of a departure from existing Germanic arms development. Witness the work at Steyr during this same period. The Austrian hierarchy saw no reason to proceed with a cartridge greater than the 9.5x56mm Mannlicher, because there was no game in the existing Austro-Hungarian Empire that required a more potent killer. Why should anyone want to hunt beyond our borders seems to be the question that may have been spoken in those days. A scan of German made rifles seems to support this sort of thought, but times were changing.

A seeming battle ensued for the leading medium bore which was won, depending upon nationality and point of view, by either Rigby caliber, the .404 Jeffery, the .375 Holland & Holland, or the 9.3x62mm Mauser. There were ups and

downs in this "war", with apparent victory in the 1950s going to the .375 H&H as "the last man standing" in the wake of World War II, but Otto Bock's brainchild was not out yet. Steyr, of all people, began making 9.3x62mm rifles, and there were large numbers of people of Germanic descent in Africa that remembered the rifle their father used. In fact, it is a common line to hear in Africa from a professional hunter when the modern hunter admits that he plans to carry a 9.3x62mm, "Ah the old hunter's gun", or "Yes, my father used one." Somehow the 9.3x62mm arose from the dead.

What about the other competitors? Of the eight competitors chosen at random from "African Rifles and Cartridges" by John Taylor, four are extinct, one is on life support, two are in their reascendance, and one, the .375 H&H has just kept on going and going like the Energizer Bunny. The 9.3x62mm, on the other hand, has just taken off in growth and popularity. Today you can purchase a 9.3x62mm rifle from CZ, Blazer, Beretta, Steyr, Mauser, just to name a few, and Ruger offers their Number 1 single shot in 9.3x74R, the rimmed near clone of the 9.3x62mm. It appears that the 9.3mm has made the grade in the big game fields.

The 9.3mm clan is definitely not finished. Just before World War II, Brenneke brought forth the more powerful 9.3x64mm, which seemed to rule the world of the 0.366 bore until the arrival of the 9.3x66mm Sako. Sadly, no one in Europe, where the 9.3x66mm was made seemed willing to deliver to the USA, and not until the last twelve months have any 9.3x66mm rifles of ammunition appeared in the USA in any sort of quantity, and they have a new name, .370 SAKO. Well, other outfits have changed the names of their products many times too. Look at Remington and their name changes with the .244/6MM Remington and the .280/7mm Express/7mm-06 which is today the .280 Remington for an example..

Is there a forecast for the 9.3mm rifles? This writer would say yes indeed. There is a growing interest amongst North American hunters and marksman, and the 9.3mm popularity apparently never left our European cousins, not bad for a near 100 year old cartridge, and, if member 9.3 Norm has anything to say in the matter, we will have 9.3mm rifles. My own experience says that the 9.3x62mm is a keeper, now if I could only find another M1950 or 1952 in that caliber to replace the one I so foolishly sold years ago!

Eric Ching- a fine Sable Antelope with a 9.3x62mm

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Privi-Partizan Has a Problem

In the last issue of TMC I reported the apparent new production of 6.5x54mm cartridges and cartridge cases by Privi-Partizan. Now a bump in the road has occurred. If you keep track of news online you will have seen the video clips of the explosion and damage to the Privi-Partizan factory in Uzice, Serbia, 95 miles SW of Belgrade. Seven people were killed in the blast that apparently damaged a warehouse, but not the main manufacturing area of the facility. Now we must wait and see about that new production. It may be time to go back to searching for old Norma and RWS brass until the Serbs sort out their problems. (FYI, there is still 6.5x54mm RWS brass to be found online.)

An update to this paragraph, as of 25 October 2009, 6.5x54mm brass is now listed in the Graf Catalog, but when challenged by an order in November, the sales person advised "not in stock, and not expected soon"

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Don't Rule "Shotgun News" Out

Most North American gun collectors, hunters, and shooters will remember the monthly "newspaper of the trade" once known as "Shotgun News". Well, after many years of success dating back into the 1960s, then battling to stay alive in the online era, SGN, as it is known to many, has come up with a format that keeps it going in the paper world. Now they devote the first half of each issue to stories that compete very well with the material printed in the assorted gun magazines, while maintaining an air of superiority by printing nitch information interesting to more advanced shooters collectors.

The most recent September and October issues are loaded with Mannlicher based articles as in the early 6.5mm Dutch, the M1895 straight-pull, and the M1903, all in one issue that will surely make this issue of SGN of interest to many Mannlicher collectors. My copies go to the MCA archive, as soon as I have digested all the information. However, that's not all, SGN promises that this is just part of their Steyr story, time will tell.

Things Keep Popping Up

Just when I was expecting to have a quiet Thanksgiving, Philip, our Danish connection turned up an interesting thread in his home country that may connect the Danish royalty with a M1908 Mannlicher and reloading the 8x56mm Mannlicher cartridge in what will probably turn out to be the 1930s. With coordination between Philip and Tom Seefelt I hope to be able to publish an article connecting the dots from the discovery of a box of old RWS rifle bullets to more reader research. Two photos of a full box (50) of RWS bullets and we are off on another hunt!

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A .244 Remington Model MC Mannlicher

Captured at last, an example of the Mannlicher-Schoenauer Model MC-1956 in caliber .244 Remington! I never expected to find, much less collect, an example of this rarity when I first completed my research into what has become my list of relative rarity of Mannlicher rifles by caliber, based upon catalogue listings, 1950-1970. Stoeger listed the .244 in 1959 and 1960 only, and I have only encountered three of them, all 1959 marked, which leads me to believe that Steyr only produced them for one year. Given the towering success of the .243 Winchester over the Remington .244 of the time, one can hardly fault the folks at Steyr. Going with the winner makes the best sense.

The argument between the .243 and the .244 should be addressed right now. Yes, the .244/6mm Remington is slightly more potent than the .243 WCF, but not enough to worry about except in esoteric ballistics terms. The real issue rests within the barrels themselves and the rifling twist. Most gun people today still remember that the .244 Remington was originally conceived as a varmint caliber and given a slow twist, 1-12, for lightweight varmint bullets, while the .243 Winchester was meant to be a dual purpose cartridge and given a faster 1-10 twist. It took Remington several years to resolve this issue, and by that time the .243 Winchester had won the 6mm competition in the USA.

So, it was with great concern and care that I stripped this fine old M-S out of it's stock and chucked it up to measure the barrel twist. As I carefully thrust my cleaning rod into the chamber, I experienced serious fear of discovering a 1-12" twist barrel. To my amazement, the first measurement indicated 1-9.5! I was so surprised that I measured three more times just to be sure, and each time it showed 1-9.5 inches. Steyr had selected the "correct" barrel twist at least two years before Remington did the same. Maybe the 6mm Remington should have become the 6mm Mannlicher! Remington did not standardize on a 1-10 twist until April, 1960, finally settling upon 1-9 twist in 1963.

The rest of this M-S MC is more standard, a slender Steyr custom half stock (with proper Steyr and Stoeger markings) of well figured walnut, barrel-mounted forward swivel, Jaeger sidemount and a correct vintage 3-9 power Kahles Helia 39L2 scope as advertised for the MC in "Shooter's Bible." The bore and bolt face imply that this rifle has seen little or no use. Am I pleased? Yes. I've already bought a set of 6mm Remington reloading dies and two hundred rounds of 100 grain 6mm Remington cartridges. Now to decide whether or not to take this gem out and shoot it! But, of course, everyone knows I will shoot it, and probably hunt with it as well.

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Safari!!! Rob and I are off to South Africa for 10 days in June. There is still space for members and spouses to join us at bushafricasafaris.com I will be firming up arrangements for us in January, so if anyone want to join, act now.

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