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Newsletter October, 2008

Show Dates for 2008:

Oct 12th
Nov 15th -16th
Dec 14th

Next Show:

October 12th
4333 Ledger Ave. Burnaby, BC
Sunday 8:30-1pm,
HACS Members Free For all table rental inquiries,
please contact Dave Worfolk
(604)880-4706 / (604) 522-3609.

Out of Town Shows

October 4-5 – 22nd Annual Morse Gun Show, Morse, Saskatchewan. Call 306 629-3711.
October 4-5 – Medicine Hat, Ab, Stampede Grounds, Cypress Pavilion, Tim 403 527-2615.

October 11 - Edmonton Aviation Heritage Society. John 780 455-5036 email
smokymud@telusplanet.net

October 11-12 – Churchbridge, Sk. Craig 306 896-2688, 306 743-7692.

October 18 - Steinbach, Friendship Hall call Sheryl 204 219-1868 or Carol 204 242-2320.

October 18 – Calgary Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Center, 1320-5 Ave NW, call Alan 403 256-8414.

October 19 – Courtney Fish & Game 3780 Cold Lake Rd, call Bob 250 339-1179

October 25-26 - White City, Sk, call Lyle 306 545-5054 or Dean 306 545-6875.

October 25-26 – Salmon Arm in the Community Center, call Don 250 833-0283 or Jack 250 832-2541.

November 1 – Edmonton Cartridge Show at Sherbrook Community Hall, John 780 455-5036, email
smokymud@telusplanet.net

November 2-3 – V.I.A.C.A. Saanich Fairgrounds, 1528 Stelly's Crossroad, Saanichtown, call John
250 474-2512, email howda477@live.com

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Ron's Report

Hello again boys and girls. A reminder, the November 15-16 show is coming close. It's a good time now to think about booking tables. They sell out quickly. I've got mine booked now!

Here's something important that I'd like you boys and girls to give a lot of thought about. Charlie Stewart and I would like to retire. We stepped up to save the Club from disintegration a few years ago due to the lack of leadership. We think now our Club is back on track. The shows are bigger, we have more members and the members are treated with dignity. We've proven that three rules are all that are necessary and it seems like pretty well everyone is happy. Charlie and I feel we have done our job. There are younger members who can probably put a lot more effort into our jobs than we are able to. Think about this and talk to us at future shows. We will certainly be around to make the transition of new officers run smoothly. There are lots of jobs that I could still look after or at least help with. I think Charlie would agree with this. But please, I'm serious; give this question some sincere thought. Because I'm sure you know the things you don't want. You don't need a president who feels he is the dictator. You don't need 99 new rules every month. You shouldn't have to suffer sarcastic newsletters. This is our Club. The members are the people who make the rules according to the constitution, not an egotist who was mistakenly elected to the board.

The update on Jan's condition this month is good news. Her doctor told me how pleased he is at the success he is having with ECT treatments. She started with three treatments per week. Now it has been reduced to one treatment every 10 days. She is once again a very happy lady who talks a lot now. Everything pleases her. The meals are terrific, the staff are all her friends and even the TV shows are great! The family are all really happy at the results.

Now the September 14 show. Again my prediction was sideways. I said the September show is always slow. I don't know how I can always make so many mistakes. It was busy, we had 144 paid admissions. I think everyone who had tables made expenses. I could have, except that I spent five times the amount that came my way across the table. Al Hollinger and I just discussed that subject before the doors opened. We decided that's why we were there - because we like to buy eye catching stuff. Maybe we're not collectors, just accumulators! Anyhow, both of us had a good time and enjoyed ourselves. My daughter, Rhonna, came in to help me at the table and that's always a treat for me. Lots of folks dropped by to ask if there was any news yet of Gord Bader. At this time, I haven't talked to him. Cliff Jahn said he spoke to him a while ago but I didn't get much more info than that. I think we should hear something soon. Gord, we all miss you!

Once again I thank all of you wonderful friends who stop by my table to ask after Jan. Special thanks to you Mike for the music gift. She was very excited about getting so much old music.

Last month I mentioned the Alberta Club treated all the show volunteers to a dinner after the show. I thought that would be a good idea for our Club. The fellows doing the tables in March at Chilliwack work hard. They deserve something for that hard work. I think a dinner would be little enough, don't you? I expected some feedback at the last show, but got nothing. How about thinking about this and letting us know your feelings on the subject in October. Many volunteers were not even Club members but Chilliwack residents who just pitched in. Possibly a dinner could be held in one of the restaurants or hotels in the Chilliwack area. Anyhow, think about it boys and girls.

So, once again boys and girls, please book your tables for November early. Many tables are already booked. There are also tables left for the October 12 show. Give us a call. It's Dave at 604 880-4706 or call me at 604 522-3609. That's all this time boys and girls. Be good to each other.

Cheers,
Ron

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For Sale or Trade: **Call: Ron (604) 522-3609.**

- current issue Cdn. Army combat boots, size 11E, unused \$95
- Factory hand gun grips-Llama \$15
- unique 7.65mm \$15
- Llama wood grips \$15
- ERMA EP725 \$25
- Colt 1911 plastic \$12
- Ruger security six \$15
- Browning buck mark \$35
- Hi standard Sport-King \$40
- Mauser M1910 walnut original \$35
- Colt "S" frame woodsman \$25
- U.S. AN-M8 flare gun \$15
- Colt O.M. detective spec. original \$25
- Browning M1922 \$35
- early infantry bugle some dings \$100
- antique shotshell roll crimp tools, assorted, \$20 each.

For Sale: **Dave Hardy – 604-826-8700 or dhardy@demalservices.com**

- "Textbook of Small Arms, 1929" marked "District Officers Library, Military District 8" \$200.00
- Elcan M145 Scope, military issue for M249 and M240B machine guns. As issued with Laser Filter and Signature Reduction Device, New and Never Used \$1500.00
- Ruger 10/22 wood stock and metal furniture, take off new, \$20.00
- Barnett Velochi-Speed Crossbow, with quiver, bolts and arrowheads, \$200.00
- CZ 75, 9mm Mags.10 rd. capacity, \$30.00 each
- Colt 4 x 20 scope for AR 15 / M 16 rifle, \$400.00

For Sale: **Lary Lee – 604-299-6982**

- Winchester Model 95 in .303 British, very tight, v.g. barrel, lots blue on magazine & barrel, \$650.
- Belgium Rook rifle in .300 Rook cal. v.g. cond. \$425
- Springfield Krag in .30-40 Krag, carbine, all original but in sporter stock wood, v.g. shape \$550 comes with 2 boxes of ammo.

Buy & Sell:

- Old west collectibles, ancient artifacts, gun canes, sword canes or any unusual types of canes.
- Unusual knives, swords, guns or weapons.
- Wanted posters or slave trade Era. Artifacts or sales bills ect.

Contact – Eric Shenker Dreamscape Gift Gallery, 11987 – 224th ST. Maple Ridge, B.C. (604) 466-9991

Buy & Sell or Trade:

Military items from all eras such as autographs, helmets/headgear, uniforms, decorations, & edged weapons.
Single items, estates, or collections.

Contact George (604) 341-8411, or Bill at hughes@militaryautographs.com

Wanted: 2 clips for .22 cal. Gevarm rifle, trade for collector ammo?? Larry Lee, 604 299-6982.

Wanted: standard multi-purpose web sling and one black slime-line forearm for HK 91. Please phone: Lyle at 604-986-3289.

Wanted: Standard or long length clips for Gevarm .22 cal. rifle. Reasonable please, could swap of collectible ammo in original C.I.L. & Dominion boxes, misc. calibres. Larry Lee 604 299-6982.

Wanted: .357 Ruger Blackhawk 6 ½" barrel, older 3 screw model. Roy 604 298-8409, cell 604 341-2220.

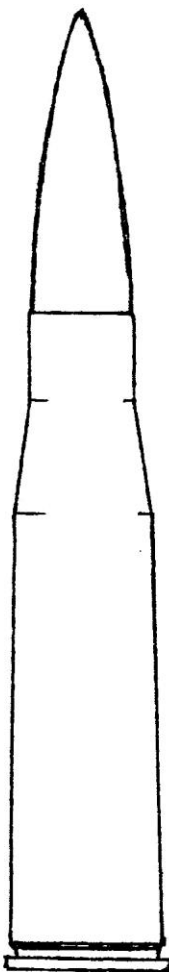
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13x92mm TUFMUNITION (Anti-Tank).

Mechanised warfare came to the battle fields of the Somme on 15 September 1916, when 49 British tanks were committed to combat. Other than for conventional artillery and various bombs or grenades, entrenched troops were particularly vulnerable to the advance of this new machine and it was to be more than a year before a weapon to combat the menace was made available to German infantry.

By 20 October 1917, the Weapon Proving Commission (G.P.K.) had determined some urgency for a mobile weapon to combat the tank, recommending a heavy cal. M.G. as a possible option. In November 1917 Mauser-Werke was authorised to develop a manually operated weapon of either 13mm or 15mm, and in collaboration with Polte-Magdeburg did in just eight weeks, design a new rifle and ammunition. Firing trials took place on 19 January 1918 and thereafter full-scale production commenced.

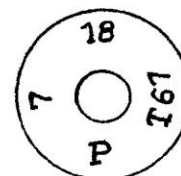
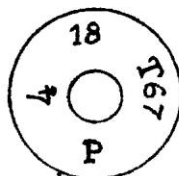
The new rifle was essentially a scaled-up single-shot Mauser bolt action of massive proportions. Weighing 39 pounds and with a bolt over 13" long, it fired a cartridge of equal proportions, capable of penetrating 1" of plate at 700 yards. In total about 15,800 rifles were produced before the war ended. Tank development rapidly advanced beyond the offensive capability of hand-held firearms, but in the brief period the "T-Rifle" was used it was found adequate to complete the purpose for which it was developed. The proposed M.G. did not advance beyond development before the war ended.



Standard loading for the 13mm T-Munition was Armor-Piercing but although rare, an incendiary bullet is known and a tracer is recorded. The semi-rimmed case has a powder charge of 200grs +, propelling an 808.5gr boattail bullet at 2500fps. The 492gr hardened core was found to break up (perhaps unintentionally) after impact and penetration, adding to its effectiveness.

The two-man gun crew were issued with a ready-use 12 rounds of ammunition and a further 112 rounds, packed in canvas bags. It is possible that loading detail was printed on the fabric, but no packet label for the cartridge is known.

A copper-plated steel case example with the headstamp W II 18 TE (Wollersdorf, Austria?) is known, but all other German production of T-Munition was from Polte-Magdeburg with 67/23% alloy brass cases. Variation is limited to the eight consecutive months April to November 1918, with October presently unrecorded. Reversal of T67 in the headstamp is not known to have any significance.



Following WWI cartridges for the T-Rifle were produced by Sweden, Belgium, and Switzerland as evidenced by known examples and it remains possible other countries produced T-Munition for evaluation.