

Good early morning, Art,

9/8/81

Too early to take the Savage outside, the only way I'd dare open it when I've not looked at it for so many years! It is cocked and on safe. But the questions I can now answer:

.32 cal. Made under 11/5/05 patent.

= Barrel, from rear end of frame opening, is 9.5 cm.

Hammer does show

Must be necessary to pull back to see serial. Can't see one on outside.

I don't know how to evaluate bluing condition. I'd guess good. No rust shows anywhere and no suggestion of any.

So far as I know the grips are original. The only pictures I see are on them, of an Indian in head dress and with the words Savage above and Quality below.

I don't have the original box and literature, although I might. There are not too many pieces it could be. The box, that is, which I do recall. I do not recall either way on literature. I'll try to remember to check later. It was a black cardboard box, not corrugated but hard cardboard.

I have it in a Buchheiser holster, #34, which I bought new when the local State police told me to carry the gun as protection against the many upmountain bad dogs. I had to stop when the gun law was passed and although I qualified, could not get a permit. Your guess would be correct! The like-new leather in the holster is about a quarter or an inch thick. Good stuff.

10/16/81 - There may be a serial number in the inside wall of the receiver but if it is there I can't make it out. I'm sure there has to be one some place but I've not found it.

We've been billed for the packing and shipping of the file cabinets. When Fil has the copier going she'll make copies and we'll send them. We've paid for this.

Not much else new. I've gotten myself the first cold I've had in so many years I can't remember the last one!

An unreported appeals court decision indicates that the courts have already begun kowtowing to the Reaganites on FOIA and are rewriting the Act and its legislative history.

Hope things are going well with you.

Our best,

10-2-81

Dear Hal:

Re: the Dallas paper gun ad: You are probably right, in that I will not likely receive a response for the reasons you outlined - Still, it made me feel good to get it off my chest and thereby assuage some of the anger it generated in me. I'll keep you posted.

Re: my Colt dealer status - You may recall that I mentioned we are at present closing out Jodi's Mom & Dads business - That is M&T Sales and yes, they were licensed and franchised Colt dealers, as well as carrying other sporting goods paraphanelia.

While we await the broadcast facility - many of our side trips to other areas such as Reno & Dallas have been to also attend gun shows, displaying and selling our wares. I must confess I also enjoy trap and skeet and target handgunning - no deer, no birds, nothing "live" mind you.

Aside from that, my greatest field of interest concerns antique (American) and U.S. Commemorative handguns. I'd be happy to tell you all I can about the Savage pistol you referred to in your last letter. However I must know certain facts:

- Exactly what caliber is the weapon?
- How long is the barrel? (Measure from rear end of frame opening where bullet ejects, to tip of barrel) *g/l/can*
- Does the hammer show in the rear of the gun?, or is it hammerless?
- What is the guns serial number and where on the weapon is it located?
- What is the condition of the bluing on the gun? (poor/fair/good/excellent).
- Are the grips on the gun "original"?
- Do you have the guns original box and literature?
- Look the gun over very carefully and tell me what pictures, engravings and words appear and where?

Must be accurate
In down 42 gmp
11/21/05 present

The .32 you describe was first made around 1907. It was an offshoot of the earlier .45 auto which Savage produced for the military. However some .25 calibers were made and this would be a rare model. The serial # would pin down the production year for us and we can go from there.

I look forward to hearing back and starting the search!