



A nice old H&R Model 058 revived...

A friend that I'd met at recent fall WMA early gun deer hunts had a family Model 058 in 30-30. He mentioned it had a bugged up firing pin and a heavy trigger. He wanted it fixed to let his younger relatives begin to hunt deer – good enough reason for me!

I'd already told him I knew a good bit about those rifles and that I'd be glad to see what I could do for it. The next year, he brought the rifle, so I dug deep into my H&R/NEF stockpile and found enough parts to make it a nice little rig, IMHO.

Something had indeed deformed the tip of the firing pin, so much so that it hung up and did a sloooow withdraw that took long enough for me to set-up and photograph as it slid back in place. I took all the parts out that I customarily do from the triggerguard up, and this time I drove out the firingpin/latch pin. The only thing I had to buy was a firing pin and spring from Gun Parts Corp. I re-worked and smoothed the slightly roughened firing pin hole, and did my regular trigger job down to 3.5 lbs. I didn't like the looks of the lifter – the spring upper section and pin that held top to bottom lifter sections together. All were fairly worn and corroded.



I put it back together with the accessories I just had laying about. It's amazing what having nearly 25 of these guns pass through my hands over the years leaves around the house. I had an old wood youth stock – haven't needed that in 10 years! – plus a 4x Pine Ridge scope I'd gotten free several years ago and a nylon sling.



Of course, the lifter upper BROKE as I was doing my safety tests. I should have replaced those parts when I was there the first time... After I replaced them (my friend may have given that H&R to the only guy in Tennessee with inventory of two new of EVERYTHING in an H&R action), it sailed through testing. I saw no indication of any chamber, breechface or frame damage. The firing pin looked like it hit something HARD or it was soft.

This old "duble-thurty" may take more deer yet!! – perklo

