

20 Years Of The Savage AccuTrigger

In 2003, Savage Arms introduced its AccuTrigger, an adjustable, creep-free rifle trigger with a built-in safety that soon became one of the celebrated features of Savage's guns. *American Rifleman* reviewed the AccuTrigger design in June of that year, noting that its safety features, particularly the built-in "AccuRelease," prevented the gun from discharging throughout multiple drop tests. The AccuTrigger's user-adjustable mechanism allows shooters to fine-tune pull weight from 1 lb., 8 ozs., to 6 lbs. by simply turning a screw on the underside of the trigger body.



"The AccuTrigger spawned a wave of innovation in Savage that continues today and is stronger than ever," said Al Kasper, president and CEO of Savage Arms. "With new innovations such as AccuStock and AccuFit, a long line of new product offerings and much more coming down the pike, the AccuTrigger was just the tip of the iceberg of what has come from Savage in the past 20 years and what will continue to come, moving forward." savagearms.com

Lapua Celebrates 100th Anniversary

In 1923, only six years after Finland's separation from Russia, the nation's government established its State Cartridge Factory on the Lapua River in the South Ostrobothnia region of Finland. Now, *Nammo Lapua Oy*, better known as Lapua, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The cartridge factory was central to the production of ammunition for the Finnish military during the Winter War and World War II. Following the end of the war, in 1947, Lapua began producing rimfire ammunition, and today, its rimfire and centerfire loads are some of the most desirable options for competition use.



In 1988, the company lent its name to the .338 Lapua Mag., which became one of the most notable long-range precision cartridges of the past 50 years. Outside of its deployment in military circles, the .338 Lapua Mag. has also become a popular big-game offering. In the late '90s, Lapua became part of Nammo Group, an aerospace and defense group jointly owned by the Norwegian government and the Finnish defense company Patria. lapua.com

N-SSA Kicks Off Spring Nationals

In the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, spring starts with a bang, quite literally, as the North-South Skirmish Association's (N-SSA) 147th Spring Nationals commence on May 17. Over the course of five days, thousands of blackpowder enthusiasts across the nation will converge on the group's Fort Shenandoah range outside of Winchester, where they'll shoot a number of live-fire competitions using Civil War-era muskets, rifles, rifle-muskets, revolvers, field artillery and more. Spectators are welcome, and in addition to viewing the matches, they can also walk through Sutlers Row, where dozens of companies and manufacturers have set up shop, selling antique arms, parts, uniforms, books, accessories and more.

The N-SSA was formed in 1950 to commemorate the heroism of the men who fought on both sides of the American Civil War. Those who participate shoot timed competition using both reproduction and original Civil War arms while



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wearing period-appropriate clothing and equipment. Each of the more than 200 teams represents an actual unit that existed during the war. Outside of the skirmish competition, family-friendly activities are also available, ranging from BB gun matches for kids under 15 and costume events for those creating authentic Civil War-era clothing to dances, cookouts and more. n-ssa.org

Bersa Opens U.S. Manufacturing Facility

Argentine firearm manufacturer Bersa, known for its Thunder handguns, increased its commitment to the American market when it opened a 45,500 sq.-ft. manufacturing facility in Kennesaw, Ga., in October of 2022. Only a small portion of the facility is currently being used to manufacture arms, but Bersa plans to expand operations significantly, with U.S. Sales & Marketing Director Rafael Del Valle noting, "All new models Bersa introduces, going forward, will be made in Kennesaw."

Currently, the factory produces several AR rifles and pistols chambered in both 5.56 NATO and .300 Blackout, as well as several 9 mm Luger-chambered AR pistols.

"Bersa decided to come to the USA to manufacture because it was the next logical step," Del Valle said. "We can bring new products to market faster, and we can make guns that we couldn't otherwise import from Argentina. We will also be able to export product throughout the globe much more easily than it can be from Argentina." bersa.com