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Greetings to our members and friends !

After a winter that brought the most snow to New Hampshire since the 1880s, spring is trying to arrive and our hopes go up. It was a long hard winter, and my steep driveway has a heavy cover of sand that was needed to give us access through the winter.

I could blame it on the winter that our second Journal for the year is not done and will be very late, but there are other reasons. We just don't want you to think that you missed a Journal. You will get four Journals a year as promised, but this one just did not happen yet. Sabrina, my part-time secretary, fell hard, ended up with quite a bit of pain and missed time. She is now feeling better.

The preparations for our trip to Germany also took a lot of time, and still more work needs to be done. For now 26 members, among them 6 ladies, will go to Germany in June and spend 10 days in Suhl and vicinity. Six European members will join us there. Nine members will tour Germany for an additional week. In another week time is up for making additional reservations! Those of you who are not able to go can follow our itinerary in the next Journal that will cover Suhl, its history and what remains of it today.

Later this month we will for the first time go to the Southern *Side-by-Side Championship* at Deep River Sporting Clays in Sanford, NC. More information is attached. In May we will have a booth at the **N.R.A. Show** in Louisville, KY, and additional information is also attached

The **2008 Raffle** that was started at our annual banquet in Las Vegas with an Anschuetz Bolt Action Rifle, will have additional prizes, and this is what John Neumann has to say about it: "In addition to the Anschuetz Rifle we have added the following items:

- 1) a custom built men's walking stick made of African exotic woods and with warthog tusk hand grip.
- 2) a leather edition of African hunting by Dr. Lloyd Newberry [author]
- 3) a custom handmade ammunition belt designed to hold 2 shotgun shells / 4 rifle shells – with loops for shotshells and rifle cartridges of the winners choice. The design meets the needs of Drilling, double rifle and combination gun users. It is of very high quality.

Other items are in the wings." **You can print out the raffle tickets you find as an attachment.**

A new book by Jon Speed about *Mauser Pistols* will be available in two weeks. You can place your order any time. Remember that members get a 10% discount. A review is attached.

With our best regards, Sabrina and Dietrich