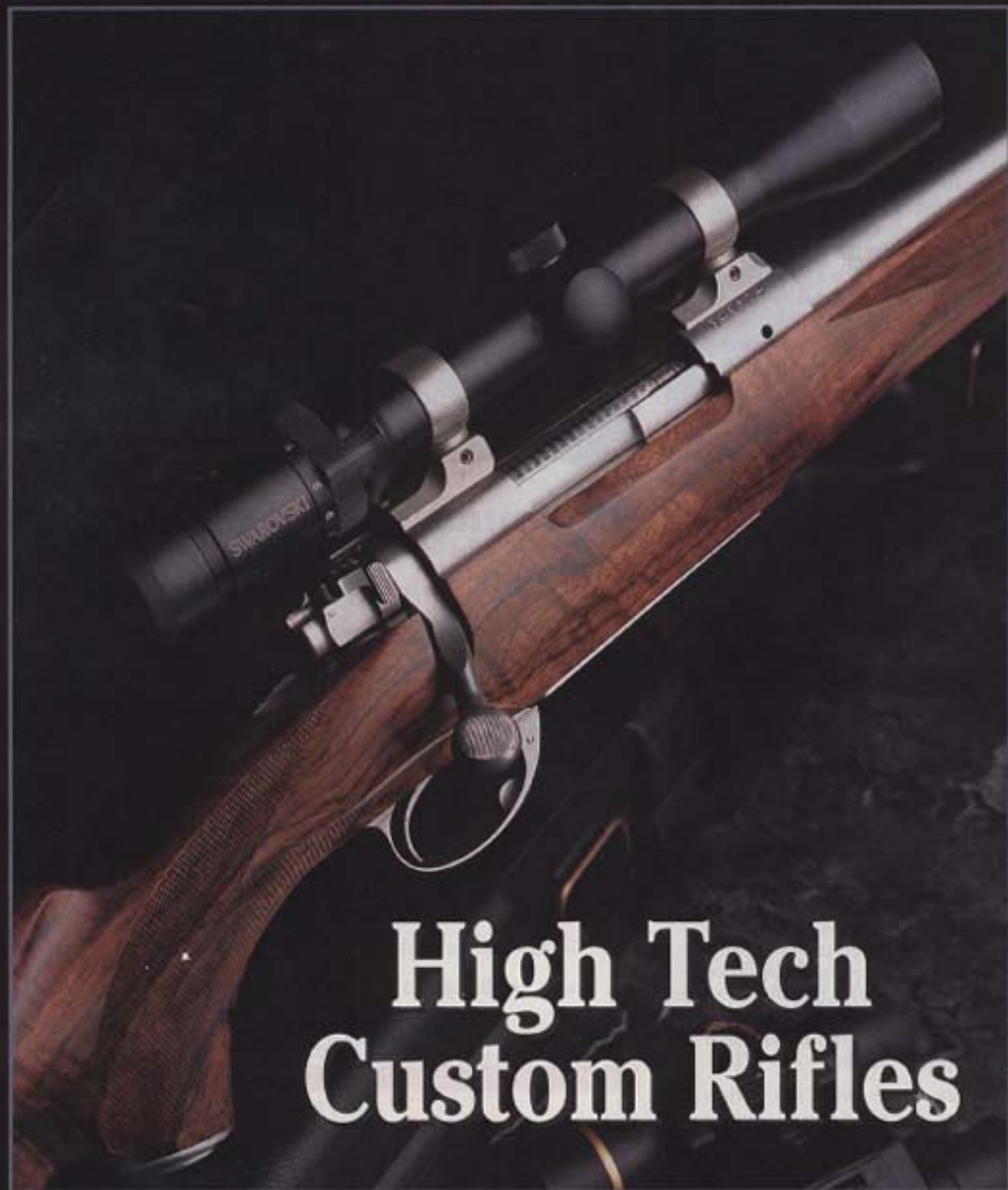




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Good things seem to come in bunches. First, you didn't hear about the .284 Winchester for a long time, now it seems everyone wants a rifle chambered for it. Next, Winchester actions seemed to have been lost in the shuffle for a short period, now they are much in vogue with all the short magnums appearing from Remington and Winchester. The rifle we have for this column is a combination of the fine .284 Winchester and a Winchester action all set up in a lightweight rifle by Rich Reiley of High Tech Rifles and Jim Bisio of Heritage Walnut.

The project between the two men started with a Winchester CRF action that was detailed by Dave Cobb of Conifer, Colorado. He started by altering the action to feed the .284 Winchester when set up at 3.100 inches with a bullet, then it was fitted with a No. 1 Lilja stainless barrel. The bottom metal is by Blackburn with S & K stainless rings and bases added to secure the Swarovski 3-9x36mm Habicht scope.

The bolt knob is handsomely



checkered by Charity Littleton, and the exhibition grade English walnut blank came from the inventory of Heritage Walnut of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jim Bisio, the owner of Heritage, actually designed then duplicated the stock and finished it with a hard oil finish. Finally, Kathy Forster of Portland, Oregon, added the special point pattern checkering to the completed rifle. In short, the desire for a rifle that looks like its running 200 miles per hour just standing still was now a dream come true.

Reiley told me, "We usually handle custom desires from traditional blued metal, wooden stocked rifles to all-weather stainless steel synthetic models. This particular project is an example when some imagination and top-quality products are brought together." Both men have worked on other noteworthy projects such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 15th anniversary and 2000 Safari Club rifles.

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