

## #7 Overview / Highlights / Evaluation

### OVER THE TOP OR STILL CLIMBING?

**This was the toughest call in the book.** Should you get one of these big bad boys? I'd like to back all the way out of this picture and say, "I don't know..." but I can't, and sure shouldn't, do that. Instead I will say that ascending to the level of work done on The Big Gun here is mandatory for a chance at happiness. However! Do it all and perhaps find a way to do even more and you still may not be happy. That's the harsh. See, I would near-about guarantee that suggesting someone build up an AR15 Match Rifle (in any cartridge suitable for that chassis) at this level, or even some to a lot below it, would make most people very flat ecstatic. That's the difference. There's more to liking a big-chassis rifle than getting one that works. You have to get along with it.



**Is this the it?** I sure wanted it to be. What it is is a big-chassis rifle that overcame **major** problems. The buzz is that these rifles don't shoot as well as small-chassis guns, and not nearly as well as a bolt rifle with a big bolt face. Warranted beliefs. This (one) rifle shoots perceptibly as well at distance as my better AR15s, and that's saying something. Its manners are *radically* better than others I've fired. I'm working with it. There's zero question that the cartridge is decidedly the it. Onliest thing is that I haven't yet learned to shoot it as well, from position.

### HISTORY

Here are a few photos of Knight's "Tubb Replica" SR-25. It's very close to the one-offs David competed with in the Rifle Masters and NRA High Power events. His relationship with this rifle platform was dedicated, but ultimately tenuous. He says he worked harder with it to shoot the scores that came easier with, at that time, his Model 70. His best effort was 795/800. That's a big score, but a few points shy of the 798s and 799s he runs up with the manual guns. What's that mean to you and me? Not nearly as much as it means to David! There's no question that any rifle capable of attaining such scores can take most as far as anything else ever would. I sincerely believe that the rifle I built is a step ahead of the rifle shown, if only in the cartridge choice. The trigger solution David engineered still needs to be copied by someone out there so we can all have it.

