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>*Right now, knowing nothing, I'm leaning towards the 8.7mm Antares W70,
>based on specs alone.*

Get the 9 mm Synta Widefield/Orion Expanse, same optics as the "8.7mm Antares W70" with not quite as fancy a barrel. The optics are in two sections, the barrel has a "smythe/barlow" while the rear has the rest of the optics. They just unscrew from the barrel.

I have one of these and I really like it, best of the lot. The 6 has some problems with internal reflections, the 15 is decent but not as sharp to the edge as the 9mm.

Scopestuff sells the 9 mm for \$39 shipped to your door.

Jon