



## All about the Knife Show!

Our international membership is happily involved with "Anything that goes 'cut'!"

May 2003

# Too Many Knives, Too Little Time

by Wayne Goddard

### THE COUNT-DOWN

It was Show closing time, the count-down had started. Ten, nine, eight, seven, six.... "No! I shout, not yet, I need two more days.... please, just two more days." But the countdown continues, five, four, three, two,



one... cheers and sounds of glee ripple across the large room. My disappointment that the Show was over was tempered (softened) this year because I had started out on Friday accepting the fact that I wouldn't be able to see it all. I would just have to settle for as much as I got done and it worked.

### NEW FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

One of the best things about the Show each year are the new friends and customers that come into our lives. The only drawback of such a large Show is that there isn't enough time for old friends. I apologize to all those I only had time to wave or smile at on my way somewhere.

### A NEW KNIFE

Would a knife show be a success if we didn't come home with at least one new treasure? I came home with one new knife. It's an ultra sharp working knife made by Ivan Maras. Ivan is a wood carver who got into making

knives because of his dissatisfaction with commercial made knives. This knife was made to cut and it cuts leather like butter. The two sides of the blade meet at infinity, and that makes it perfect to have a permanent home on my sheath making bench. The narrow blade with the slight belly is the perfect leather trimming knife. My year-long remodeling, sort it and clean it out project, resulted in the realization that I had more materials than I was ever likely to use up. Therefore I didn't buy any materials.

### AN INTERNATIONAL SHOW

An indication of the success of the Oregon Knife Show is not only the wide range of knives and related products, but the numerous states and countries that are represented by table holders.

Countries include: Japan, South Africa, Italy, Canada, England, and Thailand.

States: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming. That's thirty-five states in case you didn't count them.

### DEMONSTRATIONS



**Work knife by Ivan Maras**

*My new little work knife made by Ivan Maras*

An important part of the Show and one that gets the public involved up close and personal are the demonstrations. It was 1983 when David Thompson did the first forging demonstration at the OKCA Show. Over the years many bladesmiths have demonstrated for the Show.

Myself, Gene Chapman, Gary Little, Al Barton, Red St Cyr, and for the last several years Jim Rodenbaugh.

### THE OKCA SHOW SECRET OF SUCCESS

I believe the main reason for the success of this Show is that

all types of knives are welcome. The heart of the Show is a unique blend of the old and the new... and everything in-between. Where else is there such a wide variety of collectable (antique and new) and handmade knives of every type and style? Another "secret" factor of success is the help furnished by all the many members who support the Show by volunteering their time to make the Show what it is. Then there are all the donations made by the commercial companies and individuals, it goes on and on. It is truly a group effort that is expertly and efficiently led by Dennis and Elayne. It's no secret that they devote nearly their whole lives to the Club and Show. Phyllis and I give out sincere thanks to all those, past and present, who do the work to make the Show run smoothly and be the success it is.

LOOKING BACK



*Ray Richards,  
the most productive maker I know.  
Makes great "hawks" too!*

# The Seek-re-tary Report

by elayne

There was no meeting for the month of April because we would have a Show that would provide a meeting place for all.

Many of you came to the Club table to remark that you were having a very fun time. I hope you know that your best wishes are what make it all happen. If we didn't have the support and help of all of you, there would not be a successful Show. It is a work in progress to which all of us contribute our share. We help where we can. Please take note of the lists of names of people who help to insure the success of our Show and to whom we owe a real debt.

The Club table did a brisk business. We sold 77 tables for the 2004 Show. We were paid for 260 memberships (which includes the 76 renewals on Friday). We try to make everyone aware that it is a plus to renew your membership before Friday so you will be able to get into the Show floor at 10:00am. I do thank all of those who listened and arranged

payment so we had their membership cards at the will call desk with the Show packets. The number of renewals on Friday were about the same as last year which was a big surprise. I had anticipated there would be a learned response that would preclude a repeat; however when I counted we had 81 last year who waited until Friday to renew. Awful close. The two big bottle necks to our Show are name tags and membership renewals. If you are not a table holder or a member, you cannot enter during the member-table holder hours of the Show. We ask that everyone who reserves a table for the Show advise us the name which should be printed on the second (you only have two per table holder) badge so we will not have to make a badge at the Show. It is understood that last minute changes will occur, however.....Oh, sigh.

We tried to smooth the Silent Auction a bit. New forms and a sign up sheet. We had 24 bidders and the bidding was brisk for some very prized knives. Thank you all who contributed to this event. **Jim Chartier** did an excellent job of coordination. The money that we raise from this, the raffle, and the sale of the Club knives offsets the expenses we incur for the free tables and the potluck at the Christmas

Mini Show. It is a good way to pay ourselves back and have a fun time. We had donations of 74 door prizes and 155 raffle prizes. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity. Several items were not picked up at the Show so Dennis and I mailed 61 ticket items (door prizes and raffle prizes) the Saturday following the Show. No rest for the wicked.

It was very special that so many of you made a special effort to thank us for the fun you had at the Show. But do remember that you can pat yourselves on the back also since you contributed to our success.

A special thank you to **Daphne Sinks, Sandra Hicks, Pam Crudele and Maureen Weston**, who helped me to keep smiling and upbeat.

See you at the meeting at G. Willickers, May 08. After that, see you at the next knife or gun show.

Have a happy summer.



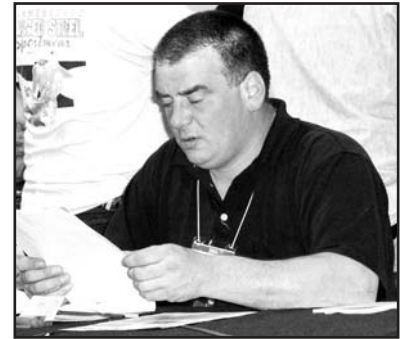
## Too Many Knives... (Continued from Page 1)

It was twenty-eight years ago that Dennis and I started The Oregon Knife Show. We ran the first two shows as a private enterprise. The Oregon Knife Collectors hadn't got its current name yet. The knife club's name at that time was Emerald Blade Collectors. Those first two shows sparked rapid growth in the club to the point where we incorporated and changed the name to reflect our state-wide membership. From that time on the Show was a Club event. I don't remember that we ever considered any limitations on what the Show could become. It has been a slow and steady

growth over the twenty-eight years of existence.

### LOOKING AHEAD

I see a bright future for The Oregon Knife Show. It may have reached a point where not as much growth will happen. However, there are always new folks getting into collecting and making knives, so why not grow? So, I'll not put any limits on it and just go along for the ride.



Richard Veatch.  
Richard is reading the information in his Show packet.  
Dennis wishes more people would do this

## Twenty years of knife forging demonstrations at the OKCA Show



David Thompson 1983



Gary Little 1986



Al Barton 1992



Jim Rodebaugh 2002-2003

# OKCA Knews and Musings

*ibdennis*

## Summer Hiatus ...

What this means is that there will be no Knewsletter until September. We lay back and recharge our batteries during the months of June, July and August, then we can go full steam ahead for the next fiscal year. (Hiatus = An interruption in the intensity or amount of something. Fiscal year = a twelve-month period between settlements of financial accounts.)

## we be read .....

I had hoped that some of our goals would prove themselves during the 2003 Oregon Knife Show. The most important one came back to me numerous times: be friendly to everyone at the Show. The comment have an "up attitude" seemed to be the most common expression I heard from the table holders, members and security people. One comment was made by a first time visitor who was amazed at the friendliness and compared our Show to the majority of gun shows where everyone seemed grumpy and not friendly.

Thank you, one and all, for allowing me to be the only "grump" at the Show.

## New Maker Custom Knife Competition

The Show seems to run with few flaws except every once in a great while there is an oopps and an "oh me gosh." So it was with the award for the new maker. After the judging was over and done with, there was a slight shifting of knives and the real winning knife was moved to the wrong side in error. As a result we elected to offer two New Maker awards. **Craig Morgan** was the maker who was shuffled under the table.

Both **Craig Morgan** and **Gary House** were advised and understood the problem. So for 2003 we have two New Maker awards.

## Articles - Articles - Articles ...

The cupboard is bone dry with articles for our next year of Knewsletters that will start in September. I am not worried too much as my friend, Jim Taylor, can't stand to hear a grown man whine so out comes his quill pen and we are blessed with another series of educational and entertaining words.

We had some great articles this last year and ran a twelve page edition of the Knewsletter Did any of you catch that? Ten pages is our max without added postage expense. But there were so many great contributions we

paid the extra. We know there are many collectors and makers who have words of wisdom to share. We want those words. Our publication needs you, the members, to give us your words for all to learn.

## The Opening Ceremony

Samba Ja was an opening ceremony that was a late coming idea. Elayne and I sat in on a rehearsal just weeks before the Show. The group of about 25 met in a small music room at a local school and as each member came in they plugged their ears and joined in the making of music. Yep, we plugged up too. The room was alive with the music that moves the heart and soul and continued for about 20 minutes before they took a break. We enjoyed what we felt but had no idea whether the Oregon Knife Collectors group would feel the same way.

From the expressions on the faces of all in attendance it was well received and enjoyed. I saw feet moving and hands clapping and I saw the start of a wonderful Show. Something different, something unique and something special for the membership.

So what's for next year? Would you believe it? One of our own members came to me and committed to do something that I have attempted to do for years. I was pumped. So the opening ceremonies for the 2004 Show is set to go. And this will be a grand surprise.

## The Banquet .....

The awards banquet worked out quite well. It was a rocky boat getting there, but it sailed well as far as most knew. **Jim Furgal** from Camillus Cutlery was a great speaker, and I was fascinated with his information about his company. The food for the most part was pretty good and everyone had a good time.

However to get it here was a monumental task. It was a financial disaster. We have always taken a loss (\$12 doesn't cover the cost), but it was a way the Club could offer a fun happening to the majority of the members without an outlandish expense for either party. A fun evening with friends. However this year we were not supported by the membership as we have in years past. People have their own agendas but the banquet was not part of the agenda. This was made obvious by the absence of a number of the award winners. For these reasons and other reasons we will cancel the banquet for 2004. To those who have attended faithfully over the years, we are very sorry. We have discussed our decision with several of the faithful; and when they are fully aware of all the problems, they

regretfully understand and agree to the cancellation. Are we slamming the door on this event? Not really. But until we come up with a better, more trouble free event, this is the way it will have to be.

## Knife display cases...

The rental of knife display cases worked out pretty well. We have had a commitment from the cabinet maker to do it again for next year. **Brian Christiansen** is the man. He will be back at the Show next year. Give us a break by getting in your orders way early for rental cases for the 2004 Show. The last minute requests this year swamped us.

## Rope cutting & blade grinding.....

The rope cutting and grinding demonstrations were real crowd pleasers again this year, as was **Jim Rodebaugh's** demonstration of forging. **Ed Schempp** was the reigning king with his ability to slice through nine one inch free hanging hemp ropes. Ed, you are a cut above. **Scott Cook** was the winner of the grinding competition. Thank you, one and all, for supporting these special events.

## Eateries.....

In a past Knewsletter we suggested eating places that our visitors might want to consider while at the Knife Show. We didn't get any feed back (pun intended) about the results of this but on Sunday we were invited to dine at one of our favorite places, The Hillside Grill. Imagine our surprise when we entered and saw about 30 knife type people enjoying the food at this, one of the recommended places. It seemed like all were enjoying and this made us feel good that our sharing was appreciated. We will do it again next year.



## R U Kumping Back Next Year?

We have received over 100 requests for tables for our 2004 Show. This is the best time to re-up for the next Show. It also is a way to help the Show too. So if you forgot to sign up for next year, go dig up your Show Packet and get that application form and mail it in. Or if your pet ate the packet thinking it was a Tootsie Roll, you can get an application form off our web site. [www.oregonknifeclub.org](http://www.oregonknifeclub.org)

Be Back in September.

## Thank you for your contributions to our Show.

Delbert & Lois Adkins  
 African Knife Handle Supplies -Nico Bernard  
 Allen Creek Cutlery -Larry Putlitz  
 A & N Blades -Don Norris & Dave Ammons  
 L K Anderson • Ray & Terri Archer  
 Auto-Tech Knives • Eddie J Baca, Llc  
 Badger Books -Bernard Levine  
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 Greg & Susan Beeman  
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 Blade-Gallery.com -Dan O'Malley & John Frapps  
 Blade Magazine -Missy Beyer  
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 Blue Ridge Knives -Tommy Clark  
 Bill & Helen Boracca • Skip & Lola Bourland  
 Bronk's Knives -Lyle Brunkhorst  
 Brownell's Inc • Browning Arms Inc  
 Buck Knives • Bill & Patti Burke  
 Busa Inc • California Knives -Terry & Boyd Britt  
 Case Collectors' Club • Nate & Alona Clark  
 Jake & Sandy Clouse • CNS Customs -Ray Cox  
 Coast Cutlery • Joe & Ruth Cooley  
 Columbia River Knife & Tool • Larry Cook  
 Crescent Knife Works -Bob Patric  
 Rob Criswell • Larry & Cheri Criteser  
 The Custom Shoppe -Daren & Spring Cutsforth  
 John Davis • Terry Davis • Bary & Lynn Dawson  
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 Dixie Gun Works • Larry Dosier  
 Stephen Douge • Joe Drouin  
 John Ek • Edge-N-Knife -Ted Ruiz  
 R W Edmiston • Emerson Knives  
 Eze Lap Diamond Products • Alexander Felix  
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 Jim & Lorraine Hayden • Sam & Joy Henson  
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 Larry & Rae Hogan • Ed & Lynn Holbrook  
 J P & Karen Holmes • Cameron House  
 Robert Hunt • ISC Corp -Denny Depuy  
 Jake Handmade -Frank & Shelley Jacobs  
 Harry & Betty Johnson • Kencrest Usa -Koki Iwahara  
 Chuck Karwan • K & G Products -Jerry & Kay Whitmore  
 Wayne & Linda Klindworth  
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 Knife World -Mark Zalesky • Wayne Knotts  
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 Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.  
 Lone Eagle International - Rod Chappel & Michael Lee  
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 Gene & Vicky Abigail Martin • Peter Marzittelli  
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 Bob Schrader • Dave & Mary Ann Schultz  
 Joe Seale • David Shirley  
 Sidda Research -Eric & Alan Bergland  
 Bill & Amber Siegle  
 Silver Stage Custom Knives Inc -Jason Jacobs  
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 Rod & Rhoda Smith • Bob & Dorothy Soares  
 Spyderco -Sal Glessler • Jack & Elinore Squires  
 Mike Squyer • Strider Knives -Duane Dwyer  
 Harland & Mary Suedmeier  
 Tactical Knives Magazine -Steven Dick  
 Taylor Cutlery  
 Texas Knifemakers' Supply -Jim Lemcke  
 Ben Tolson  
 Troy Oz -Terri & Harold Rippy  
 Tru Grit -John & Linda Mallett • Butch Vallotton  
 Charlie & Patty Vasquez  
 Elliott Wakefield & John Kienholz • Ken Walter  
 Brad Watts • Sheldon & Edna Wickersham  
 Bob Wiegand • Wild Boar Blades -Ray Simonson  
 Daniel Zvonek

Before The Show



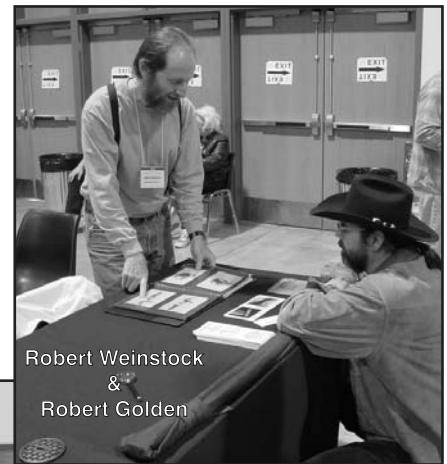
Martin Schempp



Gay Rocha

# Pictures from the OKCA 28th Annual KNIFE

April 12-13 • Lane County Fairgrounds



Robert Weinstock  
 &  
 Robert Golden



Kevin Gritsch On Right  
 Bali - Song Demo





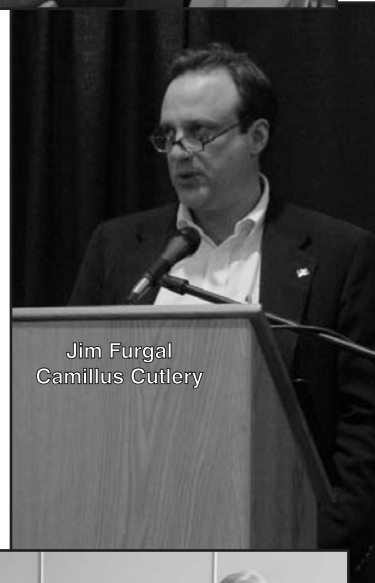
Bored Boars



Kirk & Holly Rexroat & Sylvia Schempp



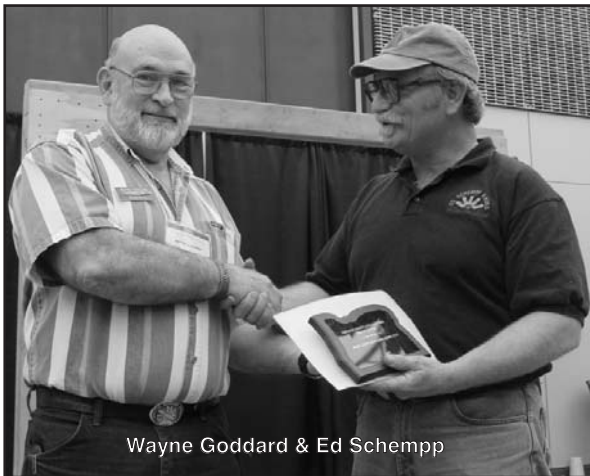
Samba Ja



Jim Furgal  
Camillus Cutlery



Bob Hergert  
Jot Singh Khalsa



Wayne Goddard & Ed Schempp



These are the people who help make the Oregon Knife Collectors Association a reality and are the parts that make up the whole.

**Officers**

dennis • elayne • Mike Kyle  
Loy Moss • Ole Olson

**Custom Knife Judging**

Robert Golden • Chuck Karwan  
Ron Lake • John Priest

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Mike Kyle • Bernard Levine  
Gene Martin • Craig Morgan  
Jim Pitblado • Clyde Shoe  
Ray Simonson • Merle Spencer  
Jim Taylor • Frank Trzaska  
Lonnie Williams • Michael Yoh  
Mark Zalesky

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Terry Davis • Earnest Dennis  
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Verlene Faust • Stan Fujisaka  
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Bev Kirk • Barbara Kyle  
John Mallet • Scott Mikolyski  
Kim Morgan • Wayne Morrison  
June Morrison • Sue Myers  
Dave Rider • Bill Ruple  
Jerry Whitmore • Kay Whitmore

**Demonstrations**

Billie Burke • Ray Ellingsen  
Steve Garrson • Wayne Goddard  
Kevin Gritsch • Greg Gritsch  
Bob Hergert • Jot Singh Khalsa  
Scott Mikolyski • Jim Rodebaugh  
Martin Schempp • Ed Severson

**Displays**

Phil Bailey • Jack Birky  
Jeff Bunnell • David Cameron  
Tom Collison • Joe Cooley  
Ron Edwards • R. Terry Gail  
Tom Guinn • David Hamilton  
Don Hanham • Chet Kantor  
Barbara Kyle • Mike Kyle  
Bernard Levine • Jim Martindale  
Rick Miller • June Morrison  
Hal Pallyay • Jim Pitblado  
Dave Schmiedt • Weldon Teetz  
Rick Wagner

**Display knives**

Bill Burke • Rick Chandon  
Foy Cochran • Carina Conover  
Juanita Conover • Tom Ferry  
Bob Hergert • Cameron House  
Gary Little • Gene Martin  
Craig Morgan • Kirk Rexroat  
John Sevey • Ford Swager  
Tommy Thompson • Butch Vallotton  
Nick Wheeler • Jerry Whitmore

**Display Judges**

Thad Buchanan • Peter Faust  
Jim Hayden • Janie Stidham  
Jim Taylor • Mark Zalesky

## Custom Knife Competition

(66 entries)

- Art Knife – Robert Weinstock*
- Bowie Knife - Cameron House*
- Damascus - Rick Dunkerly*
- Fighting Knife - Bruce Bump*
- Folding Knife – J.A. Harkins*
- Hand Forged - Scott Taylor*
- Hunter/Utility - Alex Felix*
- Miniature - Bill Ruple*
- New Maker - Craig Morgan*
- New Maker - Gary House*



**Best in Show**  
Robert Weinstock

## Rope Cutting Competition

- Greg Beeman*
- Bill Burke*
- Jon Christensen*
- Matt Cook*
- Matt Diskin*
- Tom Ferry*
- Tedd Harris*
- Nick Marcelja*
- Raymond Richard*
- Martin Schempp*



**Winner Ed Schempp**

## Blade Grinding Competition

- Bruce Bump*
- Bill Burke*
- Matt Cook*
- Ray Ennis*
- Tedd Harris*
- Gene Martin*
- Nick Wheeler*

**Winner - Scott Cook**





## Display Awards

- 1) **Spanish Toledo Knives**  
Rick Miller  
Ford Swauger  
w/scrimshaw by Juanita Conover
- 2) **Indonesian & Philippine Swords**  
David & Lonna Schmiedt  
Tom Ferry titanium handles
- 3) **Remington Official Knives**  
Jim Pitblado  
John Sevey w/scrimshaw by Bob Hergert
- 4) **Civil War Swords**  
Rick Wagner  
Nick Wheeler Timacus
- 5) **Scout Knives**  
Ed Holbrook  
Gary Little w/scrimshaw by Bob Hergert
- 6) **Eagle Head Pommel Swords**  
David Cameron  
Bill Burke moose horn stag
- 7) **Case Peanut Collection**  
David Hamilton  
Tommy Thompson Maurey moss agate handles

## Judges' Choice Awards

- Marbles Knives**  
Weldon Teetz  
Foy Cochran  
w/scrimshaw by Carina Conover
- Miniature Knives**  
Tom & Gwen Guinn  
Cameron House  
w/scrimshaw by Carina Conover
- Al Mar Knives**  
Jeff Bunnell  
Kirk Rexroat enhanced Al Mar knife
- Remington 1123s**  
Jim Martindale  
Rick Chandon ironwood handles
- U S Military Swords**  
Tom Collison  
Gene Martin water buffalo handles  
w/scrimshaw
- Bowie Knives**  
Hal Pallay  
Craig Morgan Corian handles
- The Kukri**  
Phil Bailey  
Al Mar knife enhanced by Butch Vallotton

*All the Almar Enhanced knives were presented in wooden boxes hand crafted by Craig Morgan. Engraving depicting the event was by Jerry Whitmore.*

# Mike & Barb's Corner

by Mike and Barb Kyle

The 2003 April Knife Show has come and gone for this year and what a Show it was. I had a great time and enjoyed talking with everyone and looking at the knives. Thanks to all of you for coming to this Show; we enjoyed you and the knives. We hope to see you next year at the 2004 Knife Show.



The displays for this year's Show were all outstanding and enjoyed by many people. I made the rounds and checked out the displays this year. Club members spend a lot of time and \$\$\$ getting the displays in order. Jim Pitblado had a great Remington Scout knife display. I talked with Jim and he told me that this was the first time he had ever put that display of Remington knives out for all to see. It was amazing to see all

of the Remington Scout knives in such a mint state. Jim got in the top six awards for that display.

I could go on about each and every display as to how wonderful I thought they were. I would just like to thank each and every one of you for putting up the displays of knives. Because, without you, our Show would be a lot less. Thank you

We should also thank the members who take the time to do the judging for the Club. That takes time away from your knife pleasures and the Club thanks you for that and so do I.

I got to spend some time with a table holder next to me, his name was Fred Coleman. Fred had all kinds of knives on his table and seemed to be busy. What Fred did have that I like was a complete set of Oregon Club knives. It was great to just study each and every one. Fred was very proud to have them. Thanks, Fred, for showing them to us all. See you next year.

Thanks to Jim Furgal, President of Camillus Knives, for the great talk he gave at the dinner Saturday night. Also would like to thank Jim Furgal for the information about a Remington knife that I purchased at the Show. A friend of mine from Walla Walla, Washington, Mike Filan, sold me a knife at the Show that he had purchased at auction last November. The knife is a Remington 2000 Special Limited Edition 1 of 500, R1630, and has black cracked ice handles. A single blade lock back with serrated edge on the back half of the blade.

Barbara showed this knife to Jim Furgal at the Camillus display and asked him if he knew about

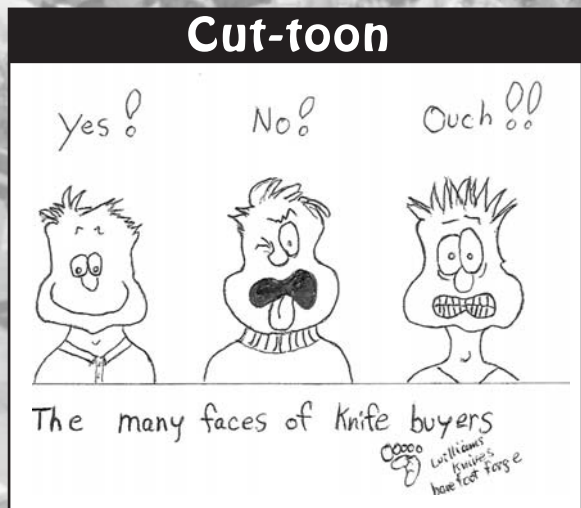
the knife. Jim stated no, but he would check and call us in a couple of days after the Show. Sure enough, Jim called in a couple of days and told Barbara that the knife was made special for the Lou Horton Sporting Goods Store in Minnesota. The value right now is no known for sure, it's not sky high, but it's up there for being somewhat rare. I forgot to mention the cracked ice handle also has a pearl shaped bullet on it. Thanks to Mike Filan and Jim for the knife. It's always fun when something like that can be done.

I hope you got to look at the very large all wood Remington R1128 knife I had on display. The knife was made from maple and oak, is seven feet long when opened, four and half feet closed, four inches thick, the weight is about thirty pounds. The wooden knife was made by Richard Minor of Springfield OR. We hope you enjoyed seeing it.

What's next for the Club? Well I think it is the Christmas Mini Show at the Lane County Convention Center. This year it will be in the Wheeler building which is straight across from the parking lot where we have had the other mini shows. This year we hope to have over 100 tables. This is a one-day-only, Saturday, 8AM to 4PM show. The lighting is very good and things only get better from here. More details later. December 13, 2003 is the date for that show in Eugene.

Last but not least to all of you who came by and said, I like your articles in the Knewsletter, thank you. From an old retired police detective who only hunts and pecks, thanks.

Have a Hoppy Day. Stay Safe.



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## We get mail and e-mails...

We thought we would like to share some of those we have thus far received...

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Hi guys, here's a quick cut-toon for the last k-news letter. Hope I got it to you in time. Another GREAT show & it's your fault once again. Thank you so much for giving us makers, collectors, etc. an awesome outlet for our affliction. I had one non-knife person at my table comment that " whoever " put this on had it together & how true it is. Lonnie & Judy Williams

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HELLO, IBDENNIS>>> Thanks for another very wonderful Oregon Experience!!! Also great knife show, you really do a superb job Dennis... I will get back with you soon, lots to talk concerning knives.. But for now just a short Thank You Very Much... Don Davis Jr.. Ut..

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Dennis & Gang  
Another great knife show!!!!!! You guys and gals did it again, Great time and great sales. Thanks, Bill Ruple

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I just wanted to say thanks to Dennis, Elayne, and all the others involved in the 2003 show. Due to health reasons, I was only able to attend for a short time, but what I saw was real good crowds and full tables. What a great statement about this club! People from way afar attended this show, so it seems the word has gotten around. Take a bow all of you!  
Best Regards, Chuck Sholes

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As always, I had a great time. Didn't acquire much (a nice Geo.Lawrence pocket knife) but sure had fun seeing and talking with old friends and meeting a few new ones.

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Once again, many thanks to you, Elayne and all the gang for the fine job done to put our show together. It is indeed a bright spot in the years events and one that is looked forward to by all.  
Warm Regards, Phil Bailey

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Dennis: The show was great as usual. Really enjoyed both the dealers/member and the public. Added a couple of knives to my collections and sold a number as well. Wife and I had a great time. Already wishing next year was here. Regards, Mike Silvey

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Hello Dennis. I just returned from my annual Oregon Knife Show and once again you all did a bang up job. Thank You, Donald G. Guild, Member

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Hi Dennis, The Oregon show is by far the very best knife show in the U.S. I attend about 25 shows a year around the country . None of the others come close. Thanks very much . I am already looking forward to next years show. Thanks, Jim Behring

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Eugene was a great event, and I am pleased to be a "knew" member. Thanks to all who put this on. Thanks so much--Patrick Geehan

Thanks to you and Elayne, and everyone else for another great show! I can't imagine anyone else being able to pull it all together. All of your hard work creates a wonderful experience for everyone, and makes us all look forward to the next one! Thanks again. -Will Stegner

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Once again we had a great show. Thanks again for all the work you and Elayne do for the club.

I started out this year accepting the fact that I wouldn't be able to see it all so was not nearly as disappointed when the countdown started and I hadn't seen it all.  
Wayne Goddard

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Dear Dennis and Elayne,  
The Morgan family would like to thank you for another great show. We truly appreciate all you do for the club, the community and us. Your tireless efforts definitely make this a wonderful event for so many people. This show enables us to share our affinity for knives with our heroes and people we respect. And even some we don't! And for that we are very grateful to you. We are proud to call your family our friends. Craig Morgan

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Also enjoyed the show very much as always, but that goes without saying. Keep up the fine work. Please!  
Mark Zalesky

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The show was Fantastic as usual and I can hardly wait until next April..... Sincerely, Phil Rodenberg

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Thanks again for a great show.. I can't wait until next year !!! Best Regards, Bob Glassman

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April 18, 2003  
To Dennis and Elayne Ellingsen, and OKCA members,

I am writing to express my appreciation to all of you for what I consider to be the best Oregon Knife Collectors Association show ever.

The 28th annual OKCA show held at the Lane County Convention Center and Fairgrounds in Eugene, Oregon, April 12th and 13th was well attended and I expect all the 470 table holders will share my opinion.

The opening ceremony with Samba Ja on Saturday morning got our attention and the tempo was great.

If you were a custom knife collector or maker, the quality and variety was awesome. In fact, a highlight of the show, for me, was seeing the smile on Robert Weinstocks face when the Friday announcement was made that his custom folder won Best of Show. The knife he entered in the competition was beautiful and wonderfully engineered and, of course, was sold by the end of the show.

The number of quality antique knife sellers continues to expand and it was great to see Paul Basch, Jim and Cindy Taylor, Joe Seale, Jerry Skelton, Rhett and Jane Stidham, Bill and Debbie Wright, Hank and Greta Hansen, Tony Foster, and Tommy Clark. All of them came from far away states to help make this show the best there is.

The many exhibits took hours to view and were better than ever. If one wants to see the best of miniatures, tools, trappers, scouts, swords, and military edged weapons, this is the place to view them.  
The Saturday night awards banquet was well attended with Jim Furgal of Camillus Cutlery as an interesting speaker. The awards given for the displays were beautiful, expensive Al Mar folders that will be cherished for many years. Thank you to those who donated them and enhanced these knives.

I look forward to the OKCA 2004 show and commend Dennis, Elayne, and all those of the OKCA who worked very hard to make this the "Show of the Year".

Sincerely,  
Jim and Barbara Pitblado

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4/19/03  
Dear Dennis and Elayne,

Again, a great show as usual. I have been coming to the Eugene Knife Show for at least ten years and it seems to get better each time. I want you to know that I appreciate your efforts.

My main reason for writing, other than praising you for all your hard work, is to relate to you, a very pleasant and unexpected situation that took place on Friday the eleventh.

I arrived at the Fairgrounds about 9:30 and got in line. I struck up a conversation with a young man from Bankok and helped him get his table holders packet. Once admitted into the main area, I proceeded to the Rippy's table to see if they needed help in setting up. After visiting for a few minutes, I proceeded to move around and visit with several other table holders that I knew, including Dave and Lonna Schmiedt of Stockton, Calif. I have, in the past, sold them several items from the Phillipines and have developed a rapport with them. In our conversation (while trying to stay out of their way as they were setting up) I mentioned that I had another item that they might be interested in. I had mentioned it to them last year but hadn't brought it with me. Anyway, Dave said he would like to see it and I went out and got it from my truck. When Dave and Lonna saw it, they got a bit excited. (Dave knew exactly what it was and where it had come from.) I asked Dave if he was interested in purchasing it and he said he was. Now, comes the interesting part. I told them they could have it for \$200.00. They said they would take it and Dave asked Lonna to pay me. She had to go out to their pickup to get some cash since they hadn't finished setting up. Lonna came back in and handed me \$300.00. I immediately informed her that the price was \$200.00 and that she had given me too much money. She said "no, it was right because the item was worth much more and they felt I should have \$300.00." Needless to say, I was absolutely blown away. I repeated that "I said they could have it for \$200.00" but they insisted on the \$300.00. Wow! I still can't believe there are people like this still around. It restores my faith in my fellow man. (And woman)

I just thought you might like to hear about the integrity and caliber of some of the people that attend the knife show. I would like to thank all the people that work so hard to put on a show of this magnitude. Keep up the good work. I am already looking forward to next year.

Don LaVenture

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# Events May Calendar 2003

----- May 2003 -----		
May	17-18	- NW Knife Collectors - Puyallup WA (KW)
May	24-25	- Australian Knifemakers Guild - Melbourne (KW-B-KI)
May	31-01	- The Dover Show - Ohio (KW-B)
----- June 2003 -----		
Jun	05-07	- Parkers' Greatest - Pigeon Forge TN (KW-KI)
Jun	13-15	- Blade Show -Atlanta GA (KW-B-KI)
Jun	20-22	- NCCA Knife Show -Stamford CT (KW)
Jun	21-22	- Midnight Sun Custom Knife Show -Anchorage AK (KI-B)
Jun	27-28	- Indiana Knife Festival -Noblesville IN (KW)
Jun	27-29	- Springfield Knife Show -MO (KW-KI)
----- July 2003 -----		
Jul	11-13	- Knifemakers Guild Show -Orlando FL (KW-KI)
Jul	16-18	- Buck Collectors 15th Anniv. El Cajon CA (KW)
Jul	18-20	- Montana Custom Show - Missoula MT (KW-KI)
Jul	25-26	- Queen Cutlery Show -Titusville PA (KW)
----- August 2003 -----		
Aug	01-03	- Central Texas Show -Austin TX (KW-KI)
Aug	08-10	- Central Kentucky Knife Show - Lexington (KW-KI)
Aug	15-17	- Denver Custom Show - (KW)
Aug	16-17	- Great Northwest -Salem OR (KW)
Aug	22-23	- Tar Heel Cutlery -Winston Salem NC (KW-KI)
----- September 2003 -----		
Sep	12-14	- Spirit of Steel -Mesquite TX (KI)
Sep	12-14	- AECA Knife Show - Oak Lawn IL (KW)
Sep	19-21	- Louisville Fall Show -KY (KW-KI)
----- October 2003 -----		
Oct	04-05	- NW Knife Collectors -Puyallup WA (KW)
Oct	24-26	- Ohio Fall Show -Wilmington (KW)
----- November 2003 -----		
Nov	01-02	- Ft Myers Knife Show - FL (KW)
Nov	15-16	- Arizona Knife Collectors Show -Mesa AZ (KW)
----- December 2003 -----		
Dec	04-06	- Parkers Greatest - Pigeon Forge TN (KW)
Dec	13-13	- Oregon Knife Collectors Mini Winter Show - Eugene
----- January 2004 -----		
Jan	23-25	- Wolverine Knife Show - Novi MI (KW)
----- April 2004 -----		
Apr	17-18	- Oregon Knife Show - Eugene OR

## DINNER MEETING

**Thursday Evening  
May 8, 2003**

**G. Willickers**  
 440 Coburg Road  
 Eugene, Oregon  
 6:00 PM Dinner  
 7:00 PM Meeting



Contact Dennis or Elayne (541) 484-5564 for additional information on OKCA events.  
 For non-OKCA events, contact the sponsoring organization.  
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