



NEWSLETTER IN A KNUTSHELL



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

October 2009

Atlanta Cutlery Kukris Ted Fitzwater

Atlanta Cutlery Company got me started collecting kukris. The kukris offered for sale by A.C. (Atlantic Cutlery) are some of the nicest and most reasonably priced ever offered. The antique kukris are out of the Royal Army of Nepal. There were over 13,100 found at the army, a good percentage of these went to A.C.

My first A.C. catalog I obtained (#124), the summer of 2006, offered four general kukris styles:

- (Picture 1)
- 1) Traditional longleaf
 - 2) Traditional Bhojpure
 - 3) Two World War II kukri variations
 - A) Mark 2
 - B) Mark 3

Description of the Royal Army of Nepal kukris for sale by Atlanta Cutlery.

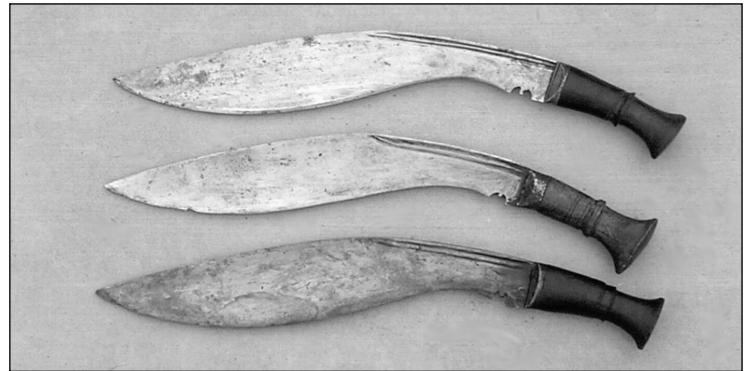


Picture 1--This picture shows the Kukris first offered by A.C. that came out of the Royal Nepal's Army. Top to bottom--Traditional Longleaf Kukri, Bhojpure Kukri, World War II Mk. 2 Kukri and World War II Mk. 3 Kukri.

The longleaf kukri (Picture 2)

This is an impressive kukri with an overall length of around 19" x 2-1/2" wide at the belly and 3/8" blade thickness. You will find that the measurements vary from one longleaf to another.

It was very rare in the United States until it was imported by A.C. It can be purchased with or without the original sheath. If you pay the extra money for a sheath, you will get two small knives. One is called a chakma; it has no edge and is used for sharpening the kukri blade and has a striking surface for a flint to start fires. The other is called a kardā;



Picture 2--Three variations of the longleaf Kukri, note the bottom longleaf; its weight is around two pounds. This is a real meat cleaver.



Picture 3--A longleaf Kukri with two accessory knives, the tinder pouch and the sheath at the bottom.



Picture 4--The Nepalese text along the spine of the longleaf Kukri.

it has a sharpened blade and is used as a small cutting tool. You will also find, in one of the pouches of the sheath, a removable pouch used for carrying tinder for starting a fire. (Picture 3)

All the longleaf kukris I have seen have interesting markings along the spine in a Nepalese text. Translated, it may contain the name of the battalion or company, owner's I.D. number, or the name of the counties ruler at the time the kukri was made. (Picture 4) The longleaf generally dates to the 1880s or 1890s.

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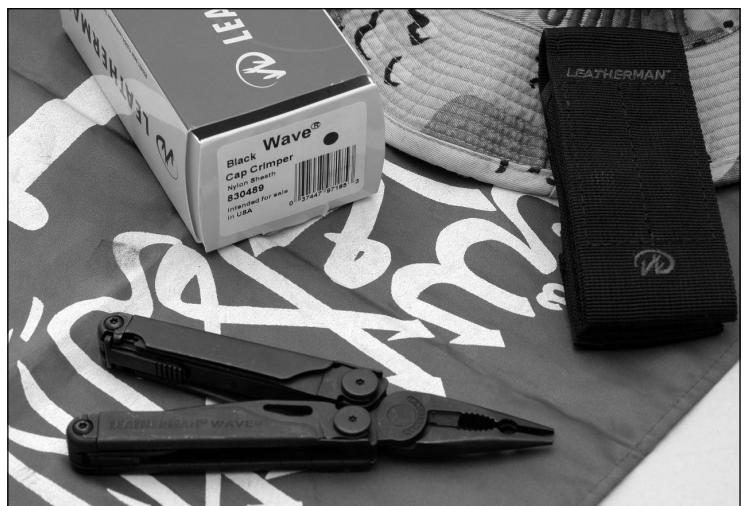
The Multi-Tool In Military Circles #2 Mike Silvey

Local Eugene, Oregon, attorney and OKCA member, Bob Lowry, heads an organization called the Oregon Posse, a group whose members actively support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by supplying them with what they need and can't get through regular military channels. Items supplied by the Posse might include Swisher Sweets Cigars, Jiff Peanut Butter, Blistex, paint balls and wrist rockets, beef jerky, ballistic sunglasses, chewing tobacco, candy, soccer balls for the kids in the streets, high candlepower lights, DVD's, magazines and any number of the things we take for granted here in the States.

The Posse deals directly with unit commanders to ensure that the shipments get into the hands of the men. As units and commanders rotate back to the States, their replacements are brought up to speed with an introduction to the Oregon Posse. Most communication is via the Internet, and packages are shipped via USPS Priority Mail. From my observations, the members of this group have been extraordinarily generous with their support; and the troops have been singularly grateful.

Always responding to specific troop requests, it is noted that almost nothing tops the list as frequently as do multi-tool knives, particularly favored by the helicopter pilots who are comforted by having one in the survival pocket of their flight suit. For more than a year now, Bob Lowry and the Oregon Posse have been purchasing the Leatherman Wave with cap crimper and shipping these off to the men in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is the blackened model 830489 with nylon sheath. Although, not an official government issue item, plenty of these have seen service in mountains and deserts of the Mid-East.

Multi-tools are still on top of the GI want list; so if any of you wish to donate one or two multi-tools, or otherwise provide real tangible support to our troops, give Bob a call at (541)954-4451 or email him at rdlowry@lowry-law.com.



The Multi-Tool In Military Circles #3 Mike Silvey

I obtained the first of these issue pieces from a returning Air Force enlisted man who was given the multi-tool in Iraq. It is the Gerber model MP600 needle nose. It is complete with the nylon belt sheath and many features including pliers, wire cutter, wire crimper, straight edge blade, serrated edge blade, Phillips screwdriver, small, medium and large screwdrivers, lanyard ring, can and bottle opener, file and ruler (Figure 1).

The current issue is the same model, but it has been upgraded to include tungsten carbide inserts for the wire cutter and the

straight edged blade has changed from a clip point to a Wharncliffe pattern (Figure 2).

Figure 3 shows a comparison of the wire cutting features on both knives. Today these multi-tool knives seem to be everywhere and in an endless variety of configurations. They have become the indispensable "tool box" that a soldier can carry on his belt or web gear. There is little doubt that more of these will find their way into military circles in days to come.



OKCA Knews and Musings

ibdennis

The picture on the last page

And who is that person who hooked (sharp hook) and eventually filleted (Remington knife) this itsy bitsy fish caught on the Coquille River in Oregon? It is none other than Jim Pitblado.

Club Knives

We had planned on a Club knife as mentioned in the last *Knewsletter*; but as all good plans are open to problems, this one caught us by surprise. Our plans ran amok and could have put us in a legal frenzy so we have opted to regroup and plan again. So no word this month but hopefully next month.

Social events

Elayne pulled a rabbit out of the hat concerning the Thursday Nite Social held at the Valley River Inn. The Thursday Nite event has been a huge success as a social gathering but has clobbered us financially. In the past we have received donations from the membership to help offset costs (but do welcome more); so, with rabbit in hand, Elayne bargained for a greatly reduced rate for this event. So the Thursday Nite Social is alive and well at this time. We still need your donations so please help if you are a participant of this event.

October Dinner meeting

I for one look forward to our monthly dinner meetings at the Sizzler restaurant. The meeting this month will be the third Wednesday as usual and that date is October 21. Make sure you mark the date and prepare to have good food, meet good friends and share an evening of warmth, education and fun. Bring something sharp for Show-N-Tell. In fact why don't you bring the knife you are going to carve your pumpkin with.

Articles Pleezee

The *Knewsletter* is the heartbeat of the Oregon Knife Collectors. Please help us and send your articles for publication in our *Knewsletter*. We only ask it be original to yourself, and we will help all we can with the writing end of things. Thank you to **Ted Fitzwater, Tedd Harris and Mike Silvey** for their help in this *Knewsletter*.

Kukri Knives...

The article this month by Ted Fitzwater is special. Ted did the research and submitted it to the Oregon Knife Club as an original work. This article illustrates how special our *Knewsletter* is and how unique our

publication has been over the years. Our website has the *Knewsletters* going back to 2001. What a fantastic record and reference library of some quality articles on "things that go cut."

The Shirt on your Back....

In years past we have given out T-Shirts with the Oregon logo and the year of the Show. Giving out is tough right now so we struck a deal to get T-Shirts for the membership at a great price. I have seen our shirts worn by members on a regular basis, so I know they are appreciated and are great quality. In the next few months we will offer these shirts at a great price if ordered ahead of time for pick up at the April Show. You can still get the shirts at the Show, but our special price is only good if you order and pay in advance. How does \$8.00 sound? Application to follow later.

Free ads

For some reason the submittals for a free ad have been very inactive. This is a nice feature of being a Club member. Not to forget that this space is for you.

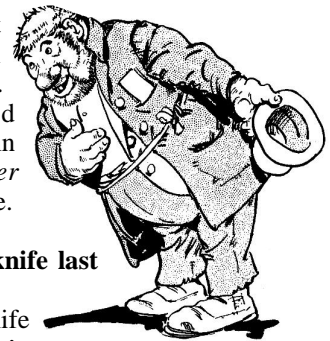
Mini Show

The Mini Show in December has been free to the table-holders for all these many years. The rates on the rental of the building have increased by a factor of four (a factor of 400% when you calculate the rooms were free in the early days); so we suggested at the last December show that we would consider stopping this event. The shouts "not to do that" were overwhelming. So it was decided to charge a modest amount for tables to defray some of the expenses but also to gauge whether the December 2009 show will be the last. It is all about participation. Please read the article on the Mini Show. Please remember to forward your application (one in this *Knewsletter*) with payment to reserve your table. Still the best deal in shows. We are 25% of room capacity as of this writing. But it is early and I have hopes.

Did U Know....

That our web site posts the next ten years of dates for the Oregon Knife Collectors annual Shows? Did you also know that our web site is in constant update mode showing knives, articles, a knife show calendar and answering questions about our organization and the "world of cut?" Did U know that the deadline for first right of refusal on tables at our Show is December 15,

2009; and it is not too early to mail that reservation. Information and applications are in this *Knewsletter* and on our web site.



Bazooka Smile knife last month.

The Bazooka knife in last month's column raised questions and thoughts about this knife. So for those who wanted to know more: In 1949 Bazooka bubble gum had a premium offer for this knife. The way to get the knife was to send in 100 penny Bazooka wrappers. Only 10,000 knives were made.

Smile Knife for October....

Jack Birky was clowning around with me a while back; and when he got done laying a smiley face on me, he handed me this month's smile knife.



Kukri...(Continued from page 1.)

Traditional Bhojpure Kukris (Picture 5)

This is also a very nice big kukri, but not quite as heavy a blade as the longleaf. Overall length of 17", blade width of 2-1/2" at the belly and 3/4" blade thickness. Please note the measurements will vary on both the longleaf and the Bhojpure kukri. As with the longleaf, it may be purchased with or without the sheath; and it will come with the two small knives mentioned and the removable tinder pouch. It generally does not have the markings that the longleaf has, but one of my Bhojpure's blade has a 77 number stamped on the spine. This could be the issue number or possibly the year of manufacture.



Picture 5--Two traditional Bhojpure Kukris.

Mark 2 World War II Issue Kukri (Picture 6)

It is again a nice big kukri, overall length of 17-1/2", blade width at the belly 2-3/8" and 9/32" blade thickness. The Mark 2 was the second officially adopted kukri for British service.

For your general information there have been a total of five official kukris adopted Mark 1 through Mark 5.



Picture 6-- World War II Kukris -- Mk. 2 made by Pioneer Calcutta with early Mk. 2 sheath -- Mk. 2 Kukri made by ATD with dated and marked sheath. -- Mk 2 Kukri marked RPA 41

The A.C. kukris I have seem to be all Indian made. The kukris I have had were made by ATD, this stands for Army Trading Dehradunn, Pioneer Calcuta, Qeyoom Bros. Just recently I obtained a Mark 2 stamped R P A, but I have no idea who this is. The dates that are mentioned by A.C. run 1943, 1944 and 1945; but my R P A kukri was made in 1941. I have also seen one made in 1946.

When it first became available, you could get original sheaths at an extra cost; but they are now out of stock. The Mark 2 was not in the catalogs for awhile; but it is now back in limited quantities.

Mark 3 World War II Issue Kukri (Picture 7)

These are no longer available from Atlanta Cutlery, but I am going over it anyway. Overall length was 17", blade width at the belly is 2-1/8" and blade thickness 1/8". Of all the kukri styles the Mark 3 is the most prolific, but true WWII Mark 3's are not that easy to come by. The two I have obtained were both dated 1945. One is marked K45, the K stands for kukri and the 45 for the year of manufacture. The other was marked H W 45, HW was the maker and the 45 the year of manufacture. At first you could only buy reproduction sheaths, but later original sheaths became available. The Mark 3 was much cheaper to produce than the Mark 2 and is still being manufactured for the Indian army.



Picture 7--Top to bottom WWII Mk. 3 K45, reproduction Mk. 3 sheath, WWII Mk. 3 HW manufacture and WWII Mk. 3 sheath dated and marked

World War I Issue Kukri (Picture 8)

This is not part of the first group of kukris offered by A.C. but was first available in 2008. It is another robust kukri; 17-1/4" overall length, blade width 2-3/8" at the belly and 13/31" blade thickness. It also has three blood grooves which is very common. As with the longleaf and Bhojpure kukri, there are some dimension variations with this style also.

There are no sheaths offered with this kukri. On some of the World War I issue kukris, you find Nepalese text, but on mine there were no markings whatsoever. A.C. catalog refers to this kukri as a WWI issue or period, this may be the time period it was issued to the Nepalese. At this time I have no information that it was issued to anyone outside of Nepal. But regardless who was or was not using it, it is a great kukri and an excellent buy.

Other Atlanta blades available from the Royal Armory of Nepal

Patch Knives (Picture 9)

Now these come in two styles, the original 1800s patch knife and the Gurkha Officer's patch knife. I ordered both and I have to admit they are the only items I had any questions about. I contacted the general manager of A.C.; and he stated they came with the original shipment from Nepal Royal Armory but were in a box by themselves, covered with grease. Both types I have purchased were not issued and not in sharpened condition..

Description

The original 1800s patch knife has deer horn handles with overall length of 6-1/2" to 7-1/2" and a blade length of 3-1/4". Note no two are alike. Gurkha Officer's patch knife has a black horn handle with a brass butt cap, the handle is similar to a kukri handle in appearance; and they have an overall length of 7-3/4" and a blade length of 3-1/4". I see no reason to doubt A.C. on the patch knives authenticity.

Mini Kukri Accessory Knives (Picture 10)

These were offered in the first catalog which ran the antique kukris. They are the accessory knives carried on the older kukris. These may be well over 100 years old. I described them when I gave the description of the longleaf kukri so I will not repeat it again. They may need a little cleaning but are well worth the effort. They have not been in the catalog for sometime; you can only get them online and are very reasonably priced.

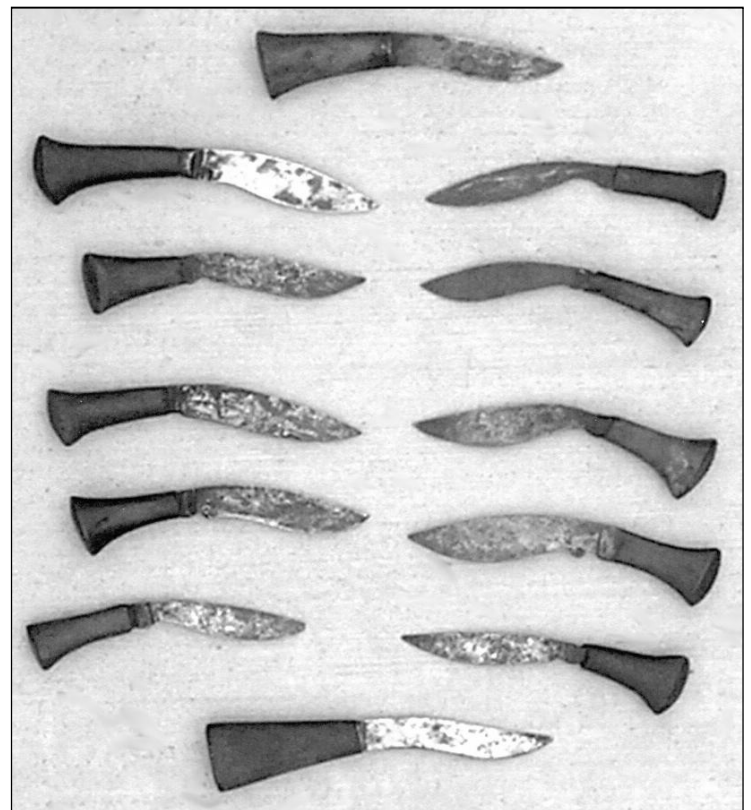
I was looking at a reproduction copy of the Bannerman's 1925 *Antique Gun and Knife Military Collectors Catalog*. There was so much cool stuff, but it is all gone now. It will be the same with A.C. kukris, once they are gone they are gone forever. I hope you will add one to your collection; they are really worth having.



Picture 8--Top to bottom WWI issue Kukri and for comparison a traditional Bhojpure Kukri.



Picture 9--Top to bottom Gurkha Officer's patch knife and two 1800 patch knives



Picture 10--Mini Kukri accessory knives. Note no two appear to be alike



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT

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Name(s) _____

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Phone: Eve (_____) _____ Day (_____) _____ Date _____

Collector Knifemaker Dealer Mfr./Distrib. Other _____ Email _____

OKCA membership includes knewsletter, dinner/swap meetings, free admission to OKCA shows.

____ Start/____ Renew my/our OKCA membership (\$20 individual/\$23 family) \$ _____

35TH ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 17-18, 2010 430 — 8'x30" TABLES

Exhibit Hall, Lane Events Center and Fairgrounds, 796 West 13th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

For Information Contact Show Chairman: Dennis Ellingsen, (541) 484-5564

AUTOMATIC RESERVATIONS: If you had a table at the 2009 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2010, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2009. You may still apply for a table after this date, but we cannot guarantee a table after December 15. NO RESERVATIONS HONORED OR APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT! Note to NEW exhibitors: your table(s) will be assigned after 12/15/09.

ALL TABLE HOLDERS AND VISITORS agree to abide by the OKCA show rules, and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, loss, damage, theft, or injury.

ANY QUESTION OR DISPUTE arising during the show shall be resolved by the Show Chairman, whose decision shall be final.

THIS IS A KNIFE SHOW. All tables must be 90% knives or knife related items (e.g. swords, axes, edged tools, edged weapons, knife books, knifemaking supplies). If in doubt, check with the Show Chairman ahead of time. The OKCA reserves the right to bar any item from display or sale. No firearms made after 1898 may be sold or shown at this show.

ALL EXHIBITORS are required to keep their tables set up throughout the public hours of the Show: 8 AM Saturday to 3 PM Sunday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES OR COVERS THEIR TABLE BEFORE 3 PM SUNDAY FORFEITS HIS FUTURE RESERVATIONS AND WILL BE DENIED TABLES AT FUTURE OREGON KNIFE SHOWS.

DISPLAY TABLES will be around the perimeter of the room. All displays are eligible for display awards, which are handmade knives donated by members and supporters of OKCA. Display judging will be by rules established by OKCA. Special category awards may also be offered. **NOTHING MAY BE SOLD FROM DISPLAY TABLES.**

SALE/TRADE TABLES Sharing of tables will not be allowed. Exhibitors must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Oregon has NO SALES TAX.

BADGES: Each table holder is entitled to one additional show badge. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

KNIFEMAKERS who are present and are table holders at this show may enter knives in the knifemaking award competition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on categories and judging criteria in the display and handmade knife competitions, contact the Show Chairman.

SHOW FACILITATORS will be provided by OKCA from 10AM Friday until 4 PM Sunday. However, exhibitors are responsible for watching their own tables. Neither the OKCA nor the Lane Events Center will be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or injury of any kind.

CITY AND COUNTY REGULATIONS require that there be:

- No Smoking within the Exhibit Hall at any time;
- No alcoholic beverages consumed within the Exhibit Hall during the public hours of the show;
- No loaded firearms worn or displayed at the show;
- No swords or knives brandished or displayed in a provocative manner.

Violators of these safety rules will be asked to leave.

NOTE ON SWITCHBLADES AND DAGGERS: In Oregon it is legal to make, sell, buy, or own switchblade knives. However, it is *ILLEGAL* to carry a switchblade knife, a gravity knife, a dagger, or a dirk concealed on one's person, or for a convicted felon to possess a switchblade or gravity knife. Most other states have banned switchblade knives. Under federal law, it is *ILLEGAL* to mail, carry, or ship a switchblade or gravity knife across state lines.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, April 16, 2010.

10am - 7pm set-up; open ONLY to table-holders and members of OKCA.

Saturday, April 17, 2010.

7am-8am set-up. 8am-5pm open to public.

Sunday, April 18, 2010.

8am-9am set-up. 9am-3pm open to public.

Tables that are cancelled will revert back to the OKCA. Subcontracting tables is not permitted.

EXHIBITOR CONTRACT: PLEASE ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM. Full refund granted if reservation canceled by February 15, 2010. **DON'T GET LEFT OUT!!! MAIL THIS PAGE AND YOUR CHECK TODAY. A signature is required.**

Type of knives on your tables _____

Name for second badge _____ (two badges per table holder)

Qty _____ **Club Dues (Total from above)**..... \$ _____ **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Qty _____ **Sale/Trade table(s) @ \$95 each (members only)** .. \$ _____

Qty _____ Collector Display table(s) **free with sale table:**

Qty _____ Saturday Nite Social @ \$5.00 ea..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to O.K.C.A.) \$ _____

I have read and agree to abide by the OKCA show rules as set forth in this contract, and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, damage, loss, theft, or injury. **Signature and date required.**

Signature _____ Date _____

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So You Want To Make A Knife? Tedd Harris

When someone asks me to make a knife for them, I ask a few questions.

What is the general purpose of the knife? Hunting, skinning, camping, kitchen, fighting, military, personal daily carry on a farm, ranch, or other job?

How long do you like the blade? What kind of handle material will be used? Is the person who will be using the knife right-handed or left-handed? It is important to know this so the sheath can be made properly.

Since all my knives are hand forged, the steels I use are simple, carbon steels. Among these are 1084, 1095, L-6, 5160, 9260, W-2 and 15N20. Pattern welded steel can include any of these steels.

Sometimes it is fun to make knives out of recycled steel. Sources that I have found which yield good steel for knives are automotive springs, both coil and leaf, lawn mower blades, saws of all types, wheel bearing races, files, commercial grade rebar, to name a few. It is cheaper in material cost, but usually more time consuming to hammer the steel into a shape that I can make a knife from.

A discussion of blade pattern is important. I like to sketch the whole knife to the exact size and shape that you want while you watch. Of course that is only possible if we are in the same location! Once we agree on the sketch, I will name a price and write it on the sketch, along with your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number.

I will then tell you when I should be able to deliver the knife. And I will notify you when the knife is ready. Then you can send me a check, and I will send the knife.

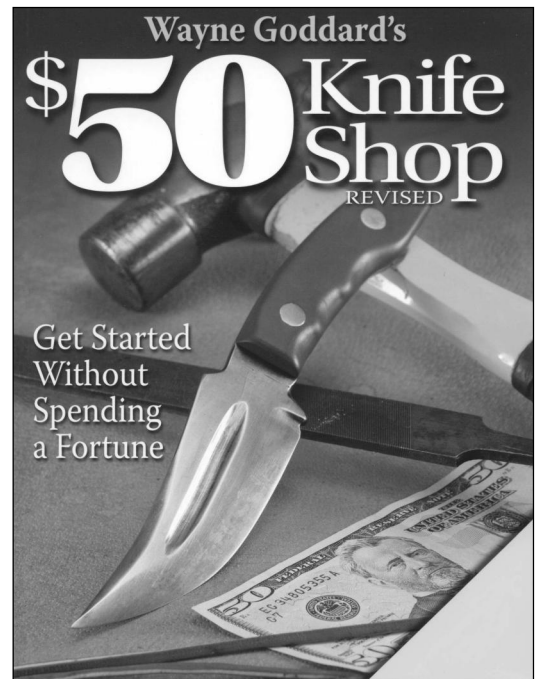
That is all there is to it! Or is it?

Suppose you tell me that you would like to try your hand at making the knife, but you don't have any tools or any place to work. That is a problem that can be solved.

Come to my shop and we will work together as I show you how to forge the steel into the shape you envision. You will learn how to hold and swing the hammer so that your arm and hand will not be fatigued, how to move the steel in the direction it must go to become a knife and how to properly heat treat the blade so it will do the job you want it to do. You will also learn how to grind the blade to finished shape, fit a guard and handle and sharpen the knife to razor sharpness.

But, you say, I can't do that. I live too far away. Different kind of problem.

Somehow you will have to find a place to work and some basic tools to work with. There are videos and DVD's that show the basics of forging knives. My favorite is *The Making of a Knife* by Bill Moran. It is available through the American Bladesmith Society at: americanbladesmith.com



Wayne Goddard has written a neat book called *The \$50 Knife Shop*. In it you will learn some cool ways to save money by building your own tools and equipment out of materials fairly readily available. One of the advantages of making your own equipment is that you know how it was made, so you can repair it easily if something needs adjusting or fixing.

If you know someone who has horses, you probably know someone who has to have the horses shod. The person who does that is a farrier, and many farriers know how to forge iron and steel. That is how they make horse shoes. That person might be able to help you find a place to work that has a forge, anvil, hammers and tongs already in place. It might even be his own shop; he might be willing to help you get started, especially if you are willing to buy some propane and steel for the shop.

You might be surprised at how many people will be happy to help you get started in this very satisfying and useful, yet very addictive, craft. Some call it a hobby, some actually make a living at it, and some can't live without making knives once they get started. Just gotta do it!

Which one will you be?



Big Shot Knives

I do not know if these knives make you smile, but I thought most would get a bang out of something this sharp. I realize I shouldn't rifle with this submittal, but I had my sights set on showing that these are a cut above. Some will be edgy seeing these, but most will get the point. I think I am on target and will hammer down this viewing and stop going around half cocked. Well, at least I will make a stab at it and see if I can trigger a response. I think I nailed it down just right, and most will get a kick out of it. Tangs for reading this.



The Seek-re-tary Report

by elayne

The first meeting of the new year was September 16 at The Sizzler Restaurant, Springfield OR. It was attended by 32 members.

The main discussion was the table charge for the December show which will be initiated this December 12. Tables to members are \$20.00 if paid prior to December 1, 2009 but will be \$40.00 if paid at the time of the show. Please support the December show with the purchase of a table. There is an application for tables for the December show in this *Knewsletter*. Please forward with payment to the PO Box 2091 Eugene OR 97402. (If you want to pay dues with the table, go for it. No additional form would be necessary.) We will also charge a fee for entry to non-members---so find those membership cards or email or call so I can forward you another.

Thank you, members, for your support of our actions.

Please remember we are a calendar year membership. January through December. If your mailing label reads 2009, you need to remit payment for your 2010 dues. Also December 15 is the deadline for your reserved 2009 table for 2010. We already have a waiting list for the April 2010 Show. Forward your payment now and the chances are good you will have a table.

We encourage you to forward articles for publication in our *Knewsletter*. We are very proud of our *Knewsletter* because it reflects the support of our membership to our core purpose---education about and the sharing of knife information. Thank you.

I met with the Valley River Inn and have been able to negotiate a reduced price for our Thursday Nite Social. Please help us offset our costs with a donation if you are planning to participate in this event.

The 2010 Grinding Competition knives will be the display awards for the 2010 Show. It is time to remind the individuals who agreed to complete a knife for the display awards that we are ready to accept the completed knives. They will be photographed and presented in the *Knewsletter* and on the *web site* for all to see. A great advertisement for the maker who donates a completed knife.

See you at the October 21 meeting at The Sizzler Restaurant. Join us for fun.



The December Mini Show

The date for the Mini Show is December 12, 2009. This event has traditionally been a free-to-members Show however the drain on our treasury suggested cancelling this event. The shouts and screams and offers to pay outweighed the idea of cancellation. The Show is still a well attended affair, but it has been slowly going downward in table-holder attendance. At one point we had over 100 tables with sharing, and today it is about 60 tables and no sharing. With our 100 table show it was reasonable rates on the room, the tables and chairs but the cost has continued to increase as each year passed. (Originally the room, etal were no charge.)

So rather than scrub the whole event it was suggested by many to place a charge for tables. To charge the whole expense for a one day show would be too much so we opted to place a small affordable charge that would serve two purposes. The one is obvious, defer costs; but the second one will evaluate the enthusiasm, or lack thereof, to have this December Mini Show.

The Board has decided to charge \$20 per table if paid in advance before December 01, 2009 or \$40 per table after this date. We are trying to encourage advance reservations to evaluate how to plan for this event.

As always we will have a "get there first to claim a table" which starts at 7 am on Saturday morning. Doors open at 8am to the public, and we will have a small entry fee for the public so members wear your badges. The Show will be over at 4 pm.

The fate of the Mini Show is in all our hands so place your vote for this by participating and being there.

Name _____

Number of tables _____

Amount enclosed _____





OKCA Free Classified Ads

Free classified ads will run up to three issues and then be dropped. Available only to paid members. Write your ad on anything you have handy (except Bazooka gum wrappers) and email or snail mail to the **OKCA, PO Box 2091, Eugene OR 97402**. The number and size of ads submitted by a single member will be accepted, or excepted, dependent on available space and the mood of the editors.

Wanted - Tableholders for the **December 12th Mini Show**.

Wanted - Knives made by Barr Brothers.
ibdennis@oregonknifeclub.org.

FOR SALE - Engnath Japanese style knife. 12" straight blade, not exactly a tanto. Nice temper line, handle and scabbard cut from one piece of lignum vitae. Absolutely beautiful. Call with offer -no one around here - Connecticut - knows a reasonable price. Bruce Fowler (203)457-1029

WWII ALLIED MILITARY FIGHTING & POCKET KNIVES 1941-1975. Buy/Sell/Trade. I'm well known in the collecting fraternity for dealing in high grade examples, and with an impeccable reputation for over 26 years now. I also do consignment sales on Ebay with a 100% Positive Feedback record for 10 years running. My eBay name is jsfischer1fs. Thank you!
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email: jsfischer1@aol.com

WANTED: Clarence "Pete" Heath knife/knives. Articles, brochures, catalogs, letters and other Heath memorabilia also wanted. Jake Jakus S35 W33193 Honeysuckle Ct Dousman WI 53118 (414)331-1151

WANTED: 1962 U.S. Camillus MIL-K stainless steel utility knife. Rich Jones (503)956-5790 or rljshalom@verizon.net

Wanted - Table holders for the April 2010 Oregon Knife Collectors Knife Show.

WANTED: OKCA Club knives serial numbered "16." Need 1992 Gerber FS1—1989 Cripple Creek---1987 Al Mar Tanto—1983 Gerber Paul—1981 Gerber Gentleman Jack LST---will give \$100.00 for any 1980 Club Silver Knight. Fred Coleman (541)688-3624. Leave message.

Limited edition sprint run of Junior Clipits. White Micarta handles, partially serrated blade. This is variation #13 in the Spyderco/Goddard Clipits. \$135.00 each, free shipping if you mention *OKCA Knewsletter*. Goddards, 473 Durham Ave. Eugene, OR, 97404 (541)689-8098 e-mail wgoddard44@comcast.net

Wanted: 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 OKCA silver medallions. Heceta Lighthouse, Oregon Beaver, Multnomah Falls and Mt. Hood. Call Jim (562)716-9857 or email:jpitt306@earthlink.net.

For Sale blade blanks, mosaic pins and lanyard tubes, stabilized wood. Gene and Sally Martin. bladesmith@customknife.com, www.customknife.com, (541)846-6755

USEFUL BLADE BOOK REFERENCES -Custom knives, collectible knives and other blades, military blades, swords, tools, etc. If we don't consider it to be a good book, we will not sell it. Rick Wagner, P.O. Box 41854, Eugene, OR 97404 (541)688-6899 wagner_r@pacinfo.com www.qualitybladebooks.com

Spyderco/Goddard Model C16PSBRG, \$65.00, free shipping when you mention OKCA. Goddards 473

Durham Ave Eugene OR 97404 (541)689-8098

Wanted: Information regarding the 20th Anniversary OKCA knife created by Wendell Fox. Scrimshaw by Jerry Whitmore. Who has it??? Contact Elayne OKCA (541)484-5564 email info@oregonknifeclub.org

WANTED: Knives by Angus Arbuckle (1924-1982) of South Africa. Marked "ARA: in a diamond (early mark) or "Handmade ARA" over a winged cat. Contact: Richard Schechner P.O. Box 181923 Coronado, CA 92178 (619)437-0564 rgs522@san.rr.com

Knife Laws on-line. Federal, state, local. Bernard Levine (541)484-0294 www.knife-expert.com.

For Sale: Made in France. Ready to blue or polish. Heavy 1095 French drop forge patch knife blades- 5 assorted- 2-1/2 to 3-3/4 plus strong rod tang. Pre hand shaped. You just sharpen and handle with stag or branch wood. Then sharpen as you will (5 blades) including shipping \$33.00. Visa/M/C/AMX. Sorry no pictures. 100% satisfaction. Club member Elliott-Hiltary Diamond 6060 E Thomas Rd Scottsdale AZ 85251 (480)945-0700 Fax (480)945-3333 usgrc@cox.net

Wanted: SEGUINE Knives -Please call Jack at: (805)431-2222 or (805)489-8702 -- email:jh5jh@aol.com

Randall Made Knives. Buy, Sell, Trade. Also a good selection of Case knives, and many custom knives for sale or trade. Jim Schick www.nifeboy.com (209)333-1155.

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The Newsletter

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Cutlery Events Calendar

October 2009

Oct 23-24 - Ohio Classic - Cambridge OH (KW-B-TK)
Oct 24-25 - Arizona Knife Collectors -Phoenix (KW-B)

November 2009

Nov 07-08 - Mt Vernon Show -IL (KW-B)
Nov 20-22 - New York Custom Knife Show (KW-B-TK)
Nov 28-29 - Willamette Valley Arms Show - Eugene OR

December 2009

Dec 05-06 - Klamath Falls Gun & Knife Show - www.jssainfo.org
Dec 12-12 - **OKCA Mini Show - Eugene Oregon** (KW-B)
Dec 10-12 - Parkers Greatest -Sevierville TN (KW)

January 2010

Jan 15-17 - Las Vegas Knifemakers Show (B-TK)
Jan 22-24 - Silver State Knife Expo -Reno NV (TK)
Jan 23-24 - Gateway Area Cutlery Fair - St. Louis MO (KW-B)
Jan 29-31 - Gator Cutlery Show -Lakeland FL (KW-B-TK)

February 2010

Feb 06-07 - Wolverine Collectors Show - Novi MI (KW-B-TK)
Feb 19-21 - East Coast Custom -Manhattan NY (B-TK)
Feb 20-21 - Arkansas Custom -Little Rock (KW-B-TK)

March 2010

Mar 06-07 - Western Reserve Cutlery - Dover OH (KW)
Mar 12-14 - NW Georgia Show - Dalton GA (KW-B)
Mar 19-21 - Southern California Expo 2010 - Pasadena
Mar 20-21 - Bunker Hill Knife Show -Bethalto IL (KW)
Mar 26-28 - Badger Knife Show - Janesville WI (KW-B-TK)
Mar 27-28 - Texas Knife Show - Round Rock TX (B-TK)

April 2010

Apr 17-18 - **Oregon Knife Collectors - Eugene OR**

May 2010

May 01-02 - NCCA Annual Show -Mystic CT (KW)

June 2010

Jun 04-06 - Blade Show - Atlanta GA (KW)
Jun 10-12 - Parkers Greatest -Sevierville TN (KW)

DINNER MEETING



Wednesday Evening

October 21, 2009

Third Wednesday of the Month

Sizzler Restaurant

1010 Postal Way
Gateway Area
(Across from the Post Office)

6:00 PM Dinner
Followed by meeting

Come Knife with us!
Bring a Show-N-Tell knife!

Contact Dennis or Elayne (541) 484-5564 for additional information on OKCA events. For non-OKCA events, contact the sponsoring organization. Additional info = (B)lade Mag. -(KW) Knife World - (TK) Tactical Knives

