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Badger Knife Club
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BADGER KNIFE CLUB
Fall 2012

Club Meeting Sunday, Oct. 28 — 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2012. The meeting will be at the Three Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 St., Milwaukee, WI, lower level Pieper-Power Learning Center at 7:00 p.m. (Exit 306 off I-94 at S. 84 St.).

The **Featured Program** for the meeting will be arranged by **Member Bryon O'Shaughnessy** to have a representative of Dassco Cutlery share the history of the company.

The **Progressive Attendance** prize is at $15.00. The lucky person selected at the last meeting, **Mike Hohenstein,** was not present. The regular **Attendance Prize** was won by **Bryon O'Shaughnessy**.

A special *THANK YOU* to the following persons who donated items for the Club Raffle:

Ed Brandsey	**Jake Jakus**
Mark Erickson	**John Jorgensen**
Col. Joe Fox	**Tom Kuester**
Gary Glowinski	**Peter and Diane Martin**
Keith Jacobs	**Keith Martino**

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun while you buy, sell or trade knives. Bring some knives to show off to your fellow members as well as some knives to sell or trade. We always have plenty of free coffee, juice and donuts. See you at the meeting!

2012 Badger Club Knife

By now all of the 2012 Annual Club Knives have been mailed or picked up. What is always a little disappointing and bewildering is the lack of any comments—good, bad or otherwise! I did receive a note of how pleased he was with the knife. I thought **Great Eastern** did an **excellent** job in making and delivering a quality product—and in a very timely fashion.

We have one knife available if anyone is interested in purchasing it—serial number 54. Call Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472.

Ric Furrer, Bladesmith
Featured on NOVA Special
"Secrets of the Viking Sword"

On Wednesday, October 10, PBS NOVA broadcast an hour-long program on *Secrets of the Viking Sword*, featuring bladesmith **Ric Furrer**. Ric took us from start to finish on how the early Vikings were able to smith a very high quality carbon steel blade many centuries before other peoples were able to do so.

Ric had this sword at his table at the last **Badger Knife Show**. Also shown in the program was **Kevin Cashen**, who was assisting Ric. We, the Badger Knife Club, are so fortunate to have the talented knifemakers and bladesmiths as members and vendors at our shows.

You can see the entire program by going to http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ Click on "ancient worlds" tab and then select "Secrets of the Viking Sword." I am sure you will learn something and enjoy it . . . I know I did.

AKTI-American Knife & Tool Institute
Young Eagle Scout Keeps His Knife

After going on a camping trip this spring, the youngest Eagle Scout in the state of Colorado headed to school and forgot about his knife in his backpack. He was charged with having a weapon. This was a serious and scary situation for the entire family. AKTI was pleased to work with his public defender, providing guidance and expertise. The primary issue was the length of the knife. After reviewing the AKTI Knife Measuring Protocol, the police agreed that the knife was not more than 3.5 inches and all charges were dropped.

Knife Care Tips
by Ed Brandsey, Knifemaker

Knife Handles

All natural handle materials can be affected by heat, cold, and moisture. Johnson's Paste Wax will restore life, seal and polish all kinds of wood and horn handles. It also puts a nice polish on the synthetic materials. Wood that has lost its shine from moisture and wear can be restored by dipping fine steel wool in the wax and rubbing the wood with the grain. Do this till smooth. Then polish with a soft cloth.

2013 Badger Club Knife

Start gathering your thoughts about what you would possibly like to see as our 2013 Badger Knife Club Knife. Get your ideas to either Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472 or Bob Stachowicz at 262-349-9828 or email to badgerknife-club@aol.com.

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"Made in China" Knives

I recently renewed my membership in the NRA and as a premium they sent me a really nice thumb opener, liner lock folder with a belt clip. It has a 2 ¾" blade (very sharp) and a beautiful two piece wood handle in contrasting colored woods. It works very smooth so there are obviously bearings in the hinge. The blade is marked Stone River, Ltd. . . China.

My first reaction was disappointment and I was ready to sell it or give it away. Today it is one of my "carry" knives."

Don't get me wrong, there is some real crap coming from China, but **A.G. Russell** had an interesting note in one of his recent catalogs that I regularly receive concerning this very problem. It was interesting to see there were at least two Stone River, Ltd. China knives listed in his catalog. His catalog clearly states where the knives are made. In knowing A.G. Russell personally, I can, in all honesty, say that there are no shoddy knives in his inventory; it is all high quality.

Many large U.S. knife companies now have certain knives in their lines that are "Made in China." Buck, A.G. Russell, CRKT, Gerber Baker, Roper, just to name a few.

I am not suggesting that we all go out and buy "Made in China" knives, but things are changing. You can find more information concerning this by going to our web site at www.badgerknifeclub.org.

Club Dues

Check the mailing label for your renewal date. If you received a ***dues statement*** with this newsletter, please send in your dues right away. You can pay 1, 2 or 3 years at a time at $5 per year. You can mail in your dues or pay at the next meeting. Check made out to Badger Knife Club. Your continued interest and support is truly appreciated.

"What's a Jackknife?"
by Tommy C. Faris, BKC Member

An article was published in the Feb/March2011 *Looking Back* magazine by **Tommy C. Faris**, who is a member of the BKC. I thought you might enjoy reading it. It will no doubt bring back memories for many of us and put into prospective pocket knives of today.

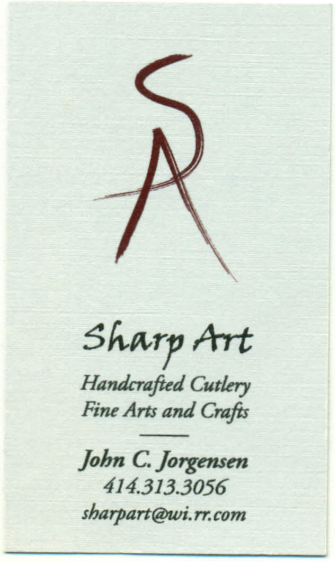
Laugh Lines

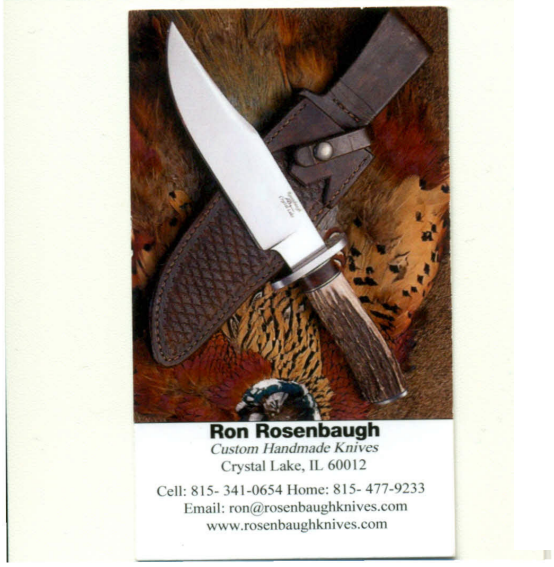
Backkup my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?

She's always late. In fact, her ancestors arrived on the "Juneflower."

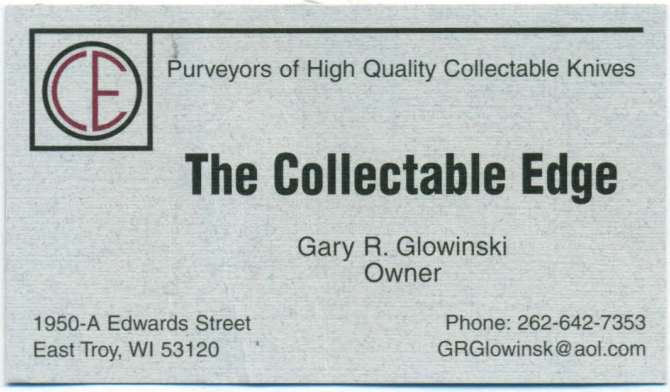
Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

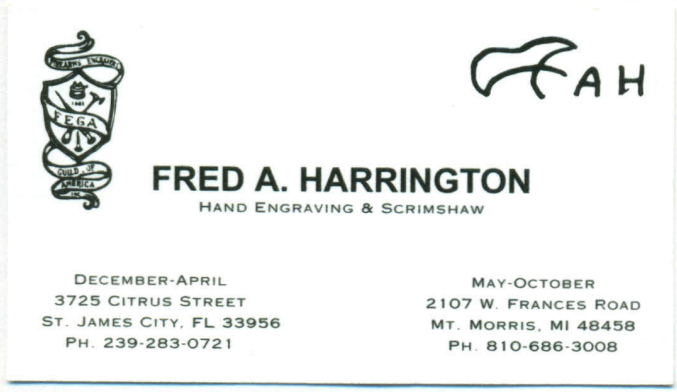
Honk if you love peace and quiet.

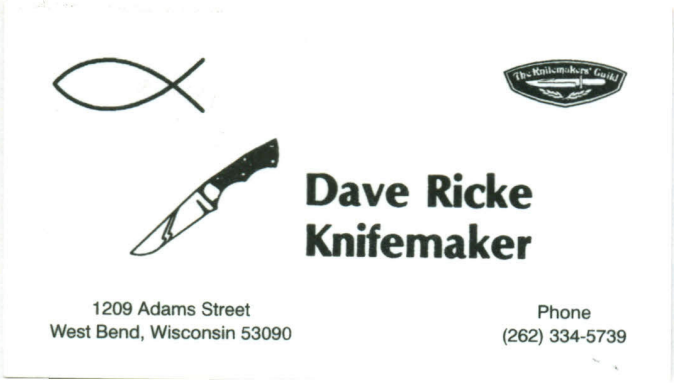




Please support the generosity of our makers and dealers that donate knives and other items to the Club's silent auction and Club meeting raffles. We are placing their business card ads at no cost. Thanks everyone. The Club truly appreciates your support.







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October 28, 2012

2013 BKC Meeting Dates

January 27—April 28

July 28—October 27

Annual Badger Knife Show
March 22, 23 and 24, 2013

See you at the meeting!

Upcoming 2012—2013 Shows

We try to present information on upcoming shows in our area. For additional listing, check out current issues of *KNIFE WORLD* and BLADE magazines.

November 3-4: Mt. Vernon, IL Knife Show held at Roland Lewis Community Building, Mt. Vernon Veteran's Park. Call Nancy or Larry Hancock at 618-242-4514 or jcckc1982@yahoo.com for show information.

December 6—8: Parkers Greatest Knife Show on Earth at Sevierville Events Center at Bridgemont, off Hwy 66, Sevierville, TN. Contact Ed Henley 423-892-0448.

January 26-27, 2013: Gateway Area Knife Club Cutlery Fair. At Carpenter's Hall, St. Louis, MO. Contact Charlie at 636-537-2975

March 22-24, 2013: Badger Knife Show at the Janesville Conference Center at Holiday Inn Express, Janesville, WI—I-90 & U.S. 14. Contact Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472 or badgerknifeclub@aol.com