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Nife Notes

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**2015
Meeting Date
All Sundays!**

- April 26
- July 26
- October 25

BKC Show

April 1, 2 & 3, 2016

Three Reminders

1. Be sure to watch the next installment of the *Forged In Fire* series on the History Channel at **9:00 p.m. tonight, June 29**. It is very interesting and informative. Our own Peter Martin will be appearing on an upcoming program.
2. Following is information concerning Jake Jakus' *Pound of Fun* on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Make your reservation **NOW** to assure your self a spot at this great event. Jake has graciously again opened up his property to a limited number of persons (50) to watch several skilled craftsmen demonstrate forging, grinding and finishing a knife. Any questions: Call Jake at 414 331 1151.
3. **Sunday, July 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** Three Harbors Council Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 Street, Milwaukee, WI. (There is still major Interstate Highway Construction in the immediate area.)

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Bob Schrap, President 414-771-6472

Pound of Fun

Jake Jakus will be hosting the *Pound of Fun* hammer-in at his home in Dousman on July 25, 2015.

This will be a laid-back, fun event, tailored to the beginning or aspiring knife maker and a hands-on opportunity for experienced knife makers to learn and share their knowledge. This will be a free event, but you must make a reservation to attend. Make your reservation early, because the number of participants will be limited to 50, with about 20 - 25 actually forging.

Peter Martin has put together an all-star line-up of demonstrators. Peter is a master craftsman and has over 20 years of forging experience. Bob Rossdeutscher will demonstrate how to forge blades, Glen Mikolajczyk will demo heat treating blades and Eric Woodruff will show how to forge flowers using a traditional coal forge. In addition, we will have several other Wisconsin knife makers on hand, including Ed Brandsey to demo blade grinding techniques and Tom Boyes will be on hand to answer questions on shop safety and knifemaking techniques.

Those participating must wear the appropriate safety equipment and must attend the mandatory 9am safety meeting. If you are late for the 9am safety meeting, you will not be allowed to pound or grind steel. It is a Pound of Fun, but you must attend the "Ounce of Prevention" safety meeting. We expect to wrap it up by 3pm, but we will try to give everyone a chance at the forge before we close it down. The Pound of Fun will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately.

As a special treat, Jake will have Pete Heath's original anvil from Winneconne out so everyone will have an opportunity to see it and pound some steel on it. Pete would be impressed! We plan on having three or four forges and anvils available for use with an experienced knifemaker at each to give their guidance and handle the tongs.

A light lunch will be available, but a dish to pass, soda, juice or chips would be appreciated. Volunteers will be needed to help with the registration, safety check and lunch. Women and girls will want to see the flowers made! Cecil Douglas will help with security and Bob Schrap has volunteered to bring his delicious, world-famous donuts.

Safety equipment will be required to forge or to use the grinder. You **MUST** bring (or borrow) your own:

Cotton clothes (No Nylon clothing - It catches fire quickly)

Safety Glasses

Ear protection (Ear plugs or ear muff shooter's style)

Leather Gloves

Shoes (Leather is preferred, but absolutely **NO** sandals or flip flops allowed)

Dust mask if you are sensitive to grinding dust

This is a personal event being hosted by Jake Jakus and all attendees will be required to read the safety rules and sign a liability release form to participate. Children will need their parent's permission. We expect the event to fill up fast, so call Jake at 414-331-1151 and make your reservation as soon as possible. We will start with the youngest going first. Please do not expect to leave with a completed knife. It is just a fun get-together.

Tentative Schedule: 8 am Instructors set-up and start the forges

9 am Mandatory safety meeting (if you want to forge or grind)

9:15 am Bob Rossdeutscher will demonstrate how to forge a blade

10 am Eric Woodruff will demonstrate how to make flowers and more

11:30 am Free lunch will be available

12 pm Glen Mikolajczyk will demo Heat Treating blades

1 pm Grinding demo by Ed Brandsey

3 pm End

Jake Jakus, 414-331-1151, S35 W33193 Honeysuckle Court, Dousman, WI 53118. Located just off Highway 83 and a little southwest of Wales, Wisconsin. There is plenty of parking along Honeysuckle Court. Bring your sunglasses, lawn chairs and umbrellas. If no answer, leave your name and phone number.
