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Knives on Planes

Forget what we told you in the last newsletter. The TSA changed its mind and knives are NOT allowed except in checked baggage.

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.

Club Meeting Sunday, July 28, 2013

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

Be aware that there is road construction going on in the area; however, everything should be open and ready, since the 2013 Wisconsin State Fair opens up on August 1. There is much reconstruction going on in the area readying it for a major rebuilding of the Zoo Interchange over the next couple of years.

The Feature Program will be presented by our club member and knife maker, **Peter Martin**, who will be talking about “Carbon steel vs. Stainless steel vs. Damascus steel.” Peter is very knowledgeable in this area, as well as being an extraordinary knife maker.

At our last meeting, the Progressive Attendance prize of \$20.00 would have been won by **Phil Krebs** had he been present. The Regular Attendance prize was won by **Jake Jakus**, who generously donated it back to the club. Thank you, Jake.

A special THANK YOU to the following persons

who donated items for the club raffle: **Peter Albert, Ed Brandsey, Mark Erickson, Col. Joe Fox, Jake Jakus, John Jorgensen, Peter Martin, Wayne and Pam Robbins and Roger Wood.**

Your donations of knives, books and other cutlery items are always welcomed.

Come and enjoy an evening of learning, fun and fellowship while you buy, sell, and trade knives. Be sure to bring along a knife you just want to show off to the rest of the group while we enjoy the free coffee, juice and donuts. See you at the meeting!

2013 Club Knives

Most of the 2013 Club Knives have been sent out to those that requested them to be mailed. There are several that indicated they would pick them up at the meeting. Come and pick up your knife and

enjoy it—they turned out beautifully.

We have one 2013 knife available if you missed out. The price is \$99.00. Call Bob Schrap at 414-479-9765. The first called gets it!



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.



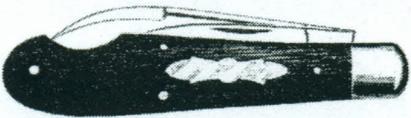
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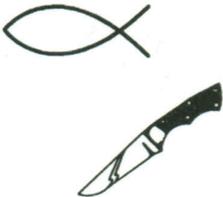
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Badger Knife Show Trilogy by Peter Martin

Well, another Badger show has come and gone and I have to say the Badger Knife Club did an awesome job of organizing, promoting and running the show like a well oiled machine. This show is an enigma as far a knife shows go and I am extremely pleased and honored to be able to be part of it. Anyway, on to my story.....

This year, my loving bride and I decided to handle the sales/financial part of the show a little differently than we have in the past. If you remember, she has had a flawless track record with her coffee scoop production matching perfectly with her sales. A fact that can't be ignored when laying out a new business plan.

So we (and when I say "we" I really mean her) decide to have her conduct the actual money transaction portion of the deal after I make the ever delicate price negotiation with the customer. Sounds like a good business plan on paper and I've actually seen other maker/wife teams do this and it had all the appearances of working out wonderfully.

So off we go to the show with new game plan in hand, set up and display my knives on a new table cover, new logo, new business cards and a renewed faith that this year will be something that knife makers and minstrels will sing about for years to come.

Well after an hour of meeting people and talking knives, the grand opportunity presents itself when the welcome phrase "I'll take it" finally comes from the other side of the table. I politely and proudly direct the soon to be new owner to my beaming knifewife to handle the monetary portion, then she gives me a look of puzzled confusion followed with a "what am I suppose to do?" To which I reply, please take this gentleman's money while I find a zippered pouch for his knife.

As I look for the pouch, I can feel the burn coming my way, and its not from working out at the gym. After thanking the happy customer he moves on down the isle, my loving Dove approaches me and I am thinking I should either cower in fear, or at the very least, take up a defensive position, she says that the new plan needs some work. I automatically agree, and I inquire as to her opinion, which quickly becomes mine. Something I learned from being married to her for 30 years, wonder how the minstrels will word that in the song?

After a few more deals and sales, the newly improved maker/knifewife machine is working like a



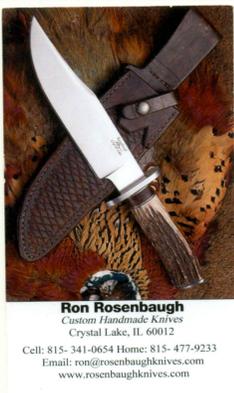
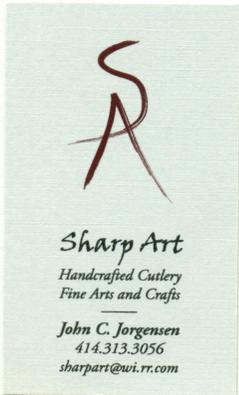
Peter Martin

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Swiss watch, I handle the purchase price negotiations and I take care of the money portion...a lot like it used to be, if I remember correctly. My cooing love bird looks on with approval before she flits off to take in the show and chat with other knifewives.

The rest of the show goes as planned and the end results are with out a doubt, the most fun you can have without being arrested. It was great to see old friends, make some new ones, eat good food and see everybody having an awesome time. It is hard to imagine how so many folks can have a smile on their face for the same reason.

It's the Badger show!



Upcoming 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.

Sept. 19—22 Knifemakers' Guild Show at Seelbach Hilton Hotel, Louisville, KY. See knifemakersguild.com

Sept. 28 Wolverine Knife Collectors Club 35th Anniversary Fall Show at Knights of Columbus Hall, Clauson, MI. Call Pat Donovan 586-786-5549

Oct. 11—12 Northern Lakes Annual Fall Knife Show, Janesville Conference Center & Holiday Inn Express. Call Bob Schrap 414-771-6472

Annual Fall Show

It's hard to believe we are already promoting the Northern Lakes Annual Fall Knife Show! It will be held at the Janesville Conference Center and Holiday Inn Express on October 11—12, 2013. Now is the time to be sure it is on your calendar and that you have your hotel room reserved—be sure to mention the Fall Knife Show for the special rate. Call 608-756-3100.



2013 ANNUAL FALL KNIFE SHOW
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Holiday Inn Express and Janesville
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October, 11 & 12, 2013
Friday Noon - 7 pm. - Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 pm
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admission at 9 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday)

Janesville is located approximately 1/2 hour south of
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March 28, 29 & 30, 2014

See you at the Meeting!