

**Founded  
October 21, 1984  
Milwaukee, WI**

**Badger Knife Club  
25 Years Strong**

## BADGER KNIFE CLUB



# Winter 2008

## *Club Meeting Sunday, January 25—7 p.m.*



The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Milwaukee County Council, Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 St., Milwaukee, WI (Exit 306 off I-94 at S. 84 St.). The meeting is held in the PieperPower Learning Center, lower level.

**(Important Note:** Please use the *rear entry* door and take the elevator to the lower level. Because of the inclement weather, the front exterior stairway may be icy and slippery.)

The **Featured Program** will be presented by **BKC Member and Custom Knife Maker Peter Martin**. He will be presenting information on making *railroad spike knives*.

We will have the Attendance prize and the Progressive Attendance prize, which is up to \$10.00. **Glen Mikolajczyk** would have won \$5.00 at the last meeting if he would have been there.

Special THANKS to **Col. Joe Fox, Gary Glowinski, John Munch, Jake Jakus, Keith Jacobs, Peter Albert and Bryon O'Shaughnessy** for their donations prizes for the club raffle.

Bring sure to bring some of your knives along for show and tell and/or sell and trade while you enjoy your free coffee, apple cider and donuts along with the fellowship.

### *2009 Club Knife*

Bob Stachkowicz, our club knife selection chairman, will have a nice selection of knives to choose from for the *2009 Club Knife*. We will be voting on the knife at the January meeting so that we can start the ordering process to insure delivery in 2009.

While we are on the subject of Club Knives, one of our Life Members, Tom Taube, is looking for serial #5 for knives for 1986, 1987 and 1989. He would like to purchase or trade with anyone who has one of those knives.

You can contact Tom at 262-547-0822.

### *2009 Badger Knife Show*

The Badger Knife Show will again be held the last weekend in March at the Holiday Inn Express and Janesville Conference Center. It is more important than ever to support your club's effort in putting on this show. Your attendance encourages the table holders that purchase tables at the show to continue to attend the Badger Knife Shows.

Remember that annual club members are free and Life Members and their spouses are admitted free. What better way to spend a day or two than going to a knife show and reviewing and buying something you would like to add to your collection. Remember, please come and enjoy the show on March 27, 28 and 29.

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## *Feature Article:*

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(We have no featured article because no one submitted one. After twenty-five years and one hundred issues of the newsletter, I have run out of ideas. I need your help!

Bob Schrap

### *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 one, two or three years at a time at \$5 per year. You can mail in your dues, pay at the next meeting, or at the show! Checks to be made out to Badger Knife Club. Your continued interest and support is truly appreciated.

### *Upcoming Shows 2009*

Here are a few listings of the shows coming up in our area. Since you can virtually go to a knife show almost every weekend of the year somewhere in the U.S., you can find a complete listing in *Knife World* or by checking out their web site at [www.knifeworld.com](http://www.knifeworld.com).

***January 24—25. Gateway Area Knife Club Cutlery Fair, St. Louis, MO. Contact Paul 314-241-6006***

***March 14-15. Annual Bunker Hill Knife Show, Bethalto, IL. Contact Gene Winston 618-288-6974***

***March 27, 28 and 29. Janesville, WI 25th Annual Badger Knife Show—Holiday Inn Express and Janesville Conference Center. Contact Bob Schrap 414-479-9765***

***May 29-31. Annual Blade Show, Atlanta, GA. Contact Krause Publication 715-445-2214.***

#### **Why, Why, Why? . . . .**

- Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?
- In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?
- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

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#### **Did You Know:**

\* A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

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***Business Card Ads***

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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.

## *Knife Tips: Kitchen Knives*

- Pick it up. It should feel good in your hand. There are knives that are heavier than others, and you don't want to have to struggle to pick it up. It should feel like an extension of your hand.
- Certain handles will feel better than others. If it feels awkward in your hand, you're not going to chop as well with it.
- A sharp knife is a safe knife because it glides easily through food.
- Knives require periodic sharpening. They may need to be sharpened as often as every three days with heavy use. A rule of thumb is when it's brand new, see how easy it is to slide through things. After you use it a couple of times and you're starting to fight it, then it needs to be sharpened.
- When they're not in use., keep knives in a protector inside a drawer. This will protect the knives and you.
- Do not put your knives in the dishwasher. Hand washing keeps them in the best shape.
- Always keep knives covered when you're not using them.
- A good chef's knife can cost up to \$200, but there are great ones available for \$99 too. The best indicator of a good knife is how it feels in your own hand.

**2009 BKC Meeting Dates**

January 25	July 26
April 26	October 25

**Annual Badger Knife Show**

**March 27, 28 and 29, 2009**

*See you at the January 25th meeting!*



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