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

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Customizing A Swiss Army Knife (When Form Meets Fashion) By Michael Yoh

Most of "Us" -knife collectors, that is-carry an everyday knife to serve a function, and what better knife to fulfill this than a Swiss Army knife (SAK). In fact, the SAK can serve many functions, depending on the particular knife and its selection of implements. There is just one problem with the SAK, though. As knife collectors, we also deeply appreciate the form or the beauty of a knife. In my humble opinion, the basic Swiss Army knife is sadly lacking in beauty. The plain red or black plastic handles of a Swiss Army knife do nothing for me. Several years ago, before custom handled Swiss Army knives started showing up commercially, I picked up a really neat Victorinox* SAK, misnamed the Golfer*. It had a phillips screwdriver, slotted driver, can opener and blade-just about everything I needed on a daily basis. But, it was ugly with its plain red handles. I decided that it wouldn't be too terribly difficult to remove those handles and put on something more exotic. That first attempt is the top knife of the three pictured below, decked out with desert ironwood handles, my homemade mosaic pin, and leather fob. Thus began the birth of the YohSak, a name coined by no less a luminary than the editor of this OKCA Knewsletter, who was an early possessor of one of these knives.



Pic 1

As you can see in the picture shown here [PIC 1], a YohSak is a SAK with the butt-ugly plastic handles removed and replaced with stabilized wood, horn, or other more exotic handle material. I've also used micarta, stag, celluloid, bone and numerous other materials. These handles can be full thickness, or planed down to the rivets (top knife), which produces a much thinner and more carryable knife. I also dress up many of them with my own hand-made mosaic pins. The small knife below has

sheep horn handles [PIC 2] and looks great, but this material is a bit difficult to work with and really stinks while being ground or buffed.

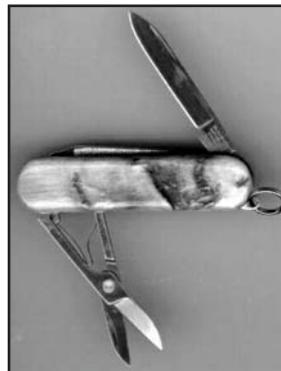
I have made many of these for friends and family, and through word-of-mouth, have made quite a few to order for people around the country. The only down-side is that in order for me to cover the price of the materials and my labor (at even minimum wage), the cost of handling one of these would be outrageous, so I make them more for my own enjoyment and personal pride. Making these is not that difficult if you have patience and some basic tools. Therefore, if you are looking for a fairly simple project that can yield a beautiful result, consider customizing a SAK for yourself.

The materials needed are easy to acquire. You need a SAK (preferably a Victorinox* as they have bronze bushings for the blade pivots and allow for a secure attachment point for the handles), handle material (use your imagination), epoxy, super glue, drill, belt sander or other suitable sander, files, sand paper and maybe a buffing wheel (though you can get by without one). You can dispense with the pick and tweezers on the thin handled, exposed rivet knife, or build them back into the full thickness handle style.

Construction

During these instructions, I will refer to the multi-part illustration below that pictures the steps involved. Step 1: Pry off the plastic handles with a blade of some sort, such as a putty knife, shop knife, etc. Notice the bronze bushings that the Victorinox* knives use for the blade pivots. Also, the liner is flat on a Victorinox*, unlike the Wenger*, so adding handles is much easier. Next we select our handle material (fig. 2), and we use a band saw to cut the material to desired thickness. If we choose to use full thickness handles, make your rough cut at least a 1/32" over to allow for sanding and smoothing the back on a belt sander. The next step in the initial preparation is to trace the outline of both handles onto the new handle material and then cut on this line with a scroll saw to produce handles that are just a bit oversized (fig.3). After these are cut out, I usually lay them on my 4" X 36" belt sander to have a perfectly flat surface to fit against the knife liners. Also, at this point, you should rough up the back of the handle material, and also the aluminum liners of the knife a bit with a Dremel or

Foredom-type tool, or coarse sandpaper. This will allow the epoxy to adhere better. [PIC 3]



Pic 2

The next step is a bit tricky as we need to drill the relief holes for the bronze pivots. These will be either blind holes, not drilled all the way through for full-thickness handles, or very precise holes the exact diameter of the bronze pivots if we are going to have the super thin handles with the pivots exposed. To accomplish this, (fig.4) we use the plastic handles that we removed as templates, laying it against the new handle with the backside up. Clamp it firmly and use the pivot recesses in the old handle to be your guide in drilling the holes in the new

material. Use a flat bottom bit if available to prevent going all the way through if you want full thickness. If you are making the thin handles, use a forstner or brad bit with a piece of waste material underneath to prevent chipping out.

Okay, we now have the handles prepared. Mix up some high-strength epoxy. I have used Brownell's Acroglass* with great results and have also had good results with some of the knife supplier's epoxy, such as K&G* epoxy. Avoid the 5 minute quick-set stuff in the discount stores. Carefully and fully mix a small quantity of epoxy, spread it evenly and thinly on the back of the handle material. OPEN ALL THE BLADES and attach the handles. Clamp firmly at both ends (fig.5) and in the middle. Set aside to cure for at least 24 hours. After cured, it is at this time that I usually add mosaic pins, or any other embellishment, to the knife. (Fig.6) Here I use a brad-point bit to drill a pocket into which I epoxy a slice of my homemade mosaic pin. My goal is to have it about flush with the handle material.

Now we are ready to shape and finish the handles. I normally use the belt sander to reduce the oversize handles to the dimensions of the liners,

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Knotes on United States Military Edged Cutlery

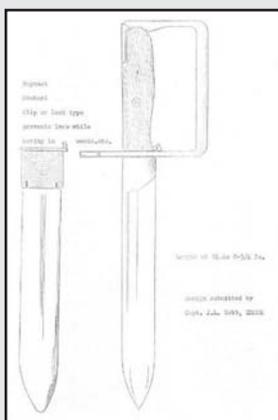
by Frank Trzaska

Bayonet Knuckle Knife

A new bayonet design has been submitted to the Equipment Board by another young Marine. Captain James L. Webb, USMC submitted a bayonet idea to take the standard M1905 bayonet, shorten the blade to 8-3/4" and add a knuckle bow to it. This, he states, is more in line with the "Biddle" method of fighting currently being taught at boot camp. As we know Anthony Joseph Drexel Biddle was a famous fencer and bayonet

instructor who was brought back from retirement by the USMC to once again instruct the instructors in the methods of bayonet fighting. What is funny about this is the fact that only a short year down the road the government

would in fact shorten the blades on the standard bayonet to 10" using the standard M1905 as the basis for this new "M1" bayonet. They would not adopt the knuckle guard, unfortunately. It would have made for a great collector's item! But it was the opinion of the board that the cost of change over and the difficulty in production outweighed the benefits of this move. So for the time being they shelved the project, to be revisited at a later date. This one does have a picture so we can see what it is we are looking for. I have never seen one, but it's a big world out there. Does anybody have one of these "Webb" knives??



Milwaukee Saddlery Company

While looking into some information on the M6 scabbards I ran across this information on Milsco. Reproduced here for your viewing pleasure. "Carl T. Swenson founded Milsco in November of 1924. Milsco at that time manufactured and sold harnesses, collars and other accessories for farm horses. The original name of the company was Milwaukee Saddlery Company. In 1934, at the request of Harley Davidson,

Milsco helped develop a new two passenger motorcycle seat called the buddy seat. A few years later Milsco then designed and produced a leather saddlebag. A plastic saddlebag soon followed that. Through an employee suggestion, Milsco designed a tractor seat with a foam pad and leather cover in 1936. This was a new breakthrough, since most tractor seats consisted of a metal pan and nothing more. It was submitted to International Harvester who offered the seat as an option for their equipment in 1937. 37,000 seats were sold the first year. Milsco had a large role in producing military products for the government to support World War II. In fact, Milsco management made the decision in September of 1940 to stop manufacturing farm harnesses and collars so the company could solely focus on these military items. For their efforts the company was awarded the Army-Navy E award. After World War II, the harness business was sold to Sears, Roebuck & Company, and the company's name was changed to Milsco Manufacturing Company. During this time Milsco expanded its range of seating products to include military, construction, and industrial vehicles. Milsco also got involved in producing some interesting and unique items such as: leather belts, kid's toys, abacus's for school use, teacarts and even film processors. Milsco started Swenson Company in Redgranite, Wisconsin, in 1966 to produce all the foam cushions used in Milsco's seats. With the addition of Swenson Company, Milsco soon developed seats for turf care vehicles and other recreational vehicles. In 1988 a joint venture between Milsco and Diplomat Technico created Milsco Diplomat in Coventry, England. This was the start of Milsco's presence in the European market. A few years later, Milsco bought out Diplomat Technico's share of this joint venture. Milsco Manufacturing Company, along with Swenson Company and Milsco Diplomat all became part of Jason Incorporated in January of 1995. In 1997, Milsco opened a sales office in Paris. Today all branches of the company use the Milsco name exclusively. "Currently all of our facilities are heavily involved in the manufacturing and assembly of our products.

We are proud to be a producer of seats for such companies as: Harley Davidson, John Deere, Caterpillar, Case, New Holland, Textron, Kubota, Ingersoll-Rand, Toro and many others." Milsco was the largest producer by far of the M6 leather scabbards, 140,494 contracted for \$0.5775 a piece. We only wish... hey we can dream, can't we! Seats for Harleys My kind of people!

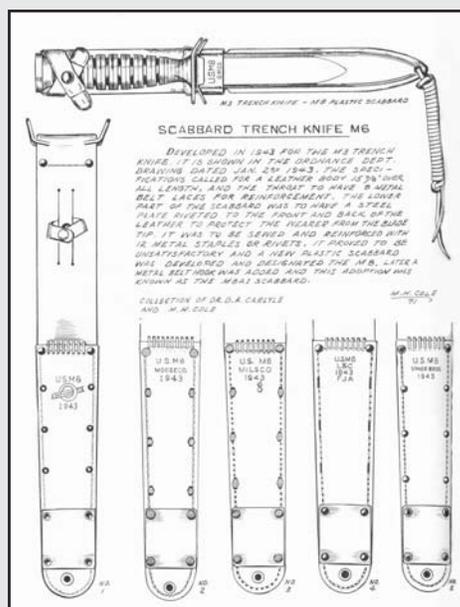
Lyon & Coulson

While digging around on the Milsco background, I looked into Lyon & Coulson. As I had never heard of them supplying any other

scabbards, I was really interested in what else they did. They did supply rucksacks and field combat packs to the Army, but that was all I could find. Seems they were a rather large sporting goods retailer in Buffalo, New York. One item that seemed to pop up on every search I conducted was fishing poles. Old bamboo poles can certainly bring in the big bucks today, much like collectable knives, Lyon & Coulson's name appears on several of these items. From what I gather they did not make the items but rather retailed items which possessed their name. Nothing to prove it, but I wonder, did they make scabbards or did they have them made and resell them to the government? It would be a hard feat to accomplish as they were the lowest bidder in the M6 scabbard production at \$0.47 each. The total production they were awarded was 40,000. Anyone have anything to add to this discussion? How about an old L&C catalog, it would be nice to turn one of those up just for reference on the company. Anyone have additional information on the company and its disposition?

M6 Scabbards

What the heck, while we are at it let's list them all. We don't believe it is in print any place else so we shall make it so. Milwaukee Saddlery (Milsco) 140,494 @ \$0.5775 each. Lyon & Coulson (L&C) 40,000 @ \$0.47 each. Service Boots & Leggings (S.B.L.) 35,200 @ \$0.595 each. L.J. Barwood (Barwood) 29,000 @ \$0.6483 each. Viner Bros. (Viner Bros.) 28,000 @ \$0.60 each. Moose River Shoe Co. (Moose Co.) 28,000 @ \$0.74 each. That leaves us seven (7) short of the reported 300,701 produced in total. That means we have to recount them again, send them all to Florida!



OKCA Knews and Musings

ibdennis

Valotton Club Knife sales brisk.....

I am pleasantly surprised at the sales of our 2003 OKCA Club knife. We still have some left of the 50 offered so if you have that payment in front of you and forgot to mail it, then you had better respond fast.

We had talked about offering a companion knife to this piece and the "Oregon Enhancement" is now a reality. The knife will be identical in specs to the regular knife but will have a feature that **Butch Valotton** is known for. The conditions of the sale of this knife are somewhat restricted. You must purchase a regular knife in order to be eligible to purchase the special knife. You must also be an Oregon resident. You must also be prepared to pick up the knife yourself at the Oregon April Show. The price for this knife will be \$325.

For those members out of state that may be disappointed by this please call me for an explanation. (541)484.5564.

The Best Part of the Oregon

Knife Club for me is the help that I get when I ask. I rarely get refused and everyone pitches in to get the jawbs done. Currently we have several projects that are timely. **John Priest** is performing his magic on the membership cards. This makes these cards look very special and unique. **Larry Criteser** has agreed to laminate these membership cards. That is 1500 cards that need writing and laminating. There are many others that help at a heart beat. Thank you, one and all, for making this a great organization.

Banquet Speaker

Our banquet speaker for the Saturday Nite Social will be **Audra Draper**. Audra has achieved recognition for her knives and is respected in the knife community. Her story and her philosophies are very interesting, and it will be an honor for us to have her talk to us about this. **Wayne Goddard** will make the introduction. Be sure to get your banquet tickets well in advance for this sold out event. Good food too.

Al Mar Customized Display Award Knives

Wayne Morrison has informed me that the Al Mar Sere 2000 folding knives that were donated by **Gary Fadden** have been allocated to makers that will enhance this knife. These knives will be the awards for the displays at our April Show. Similar displays are most often found in museums. Because they are so special, we offer one of a kind knives that these displays can take home with them.

Those that have agreed to enhance the Al Mar knife are: **Bill Burke, Rich Chandon, Foy Cochran, Tom Ferry, Cameron House, Gary Little, Gene Martin, Craig Morgan, Kirk Rexroat, John Sevey, Ford Swauger, Tommy Thomson and Nick Wheeler**. These are very talented and well-known knife makers. Further enhancements to these knives will be done by **Bob Hergert, Juanita Conover, Craig Morgan and Jerry Whitmore**.

Dues be Due.....

Do not forget your dues for 2003. Also remember tables for the 2003 Show must be paid before December 15, or you will lose your table(s). An application form in this Knewsletter can be used. Please fill the form out as best you can. For those that do not fill it out for a table application, I have to mail the person one so we will have the signed contract. Likewise please don't send in dues and table reservations signed receipt or registered since I must stand in a long line to recover them at the Post Office. Sometimes this means a week will go by before I can get this mail. This is certainly not the thing to do if there is a deadline looming.

By the way we sure enjoy the short notes that people write on their applications. It always brings a smile to our faces. Did you also know that you can pay for membership as many years ahead as you like? **Jack Squires** leads the group with membership paid through 2007. Thank you, Jack, for this endorsement.

Monthly Meeting Place for November

The November meeting will be held at G. Willicker's this month. This restaurant is at 440 Coburg Road and offers easy and abundant parking along with food choices that should please all. Our October meeting here went quite well. Everyone voted to have our meetings here from now on. Well, if the creek don't run dry and the sour dough stays sour, we will do just that.

The Winter Mini Show

The date is December 14, 2002. Contact Mike Kyle at (541)998-5729 to reserve your table. You may also email Mike at a-doxiex2@att.net.

We will again enforce the rule: you must have your table open the whole time of the show hours (8 to 4) or suffer the consequences. We advertise these hours so you must be there the whole time. What are the consequences? You do not want to know!

Places to Stay when attending the Show

The Valley River Inn -(800) 543-8266 -(541) 687-0123 -Our top recommendation. Fills up fast. A quality place to stay. Official home for folks away from home visiting the Oregon Knife Show. Special Show rates if you mention the OKCA Show.

The Campbell House -A City Inn -(800) 264-2519 -(541) 343-1119 -Classic Hospitality. A very unique experience. Top quality.

The Red Lion - (800) Red Lion - (541) 342-5201 - Not far from the Show and a great place to stay. Mention the Knife Show for the special rates.

Courtesy Inn - (888)-259-8481 -(541) 345-3391 -The closest motel yet to the Knife Show. A Budget motel and special rates if you mention the Knife Show.

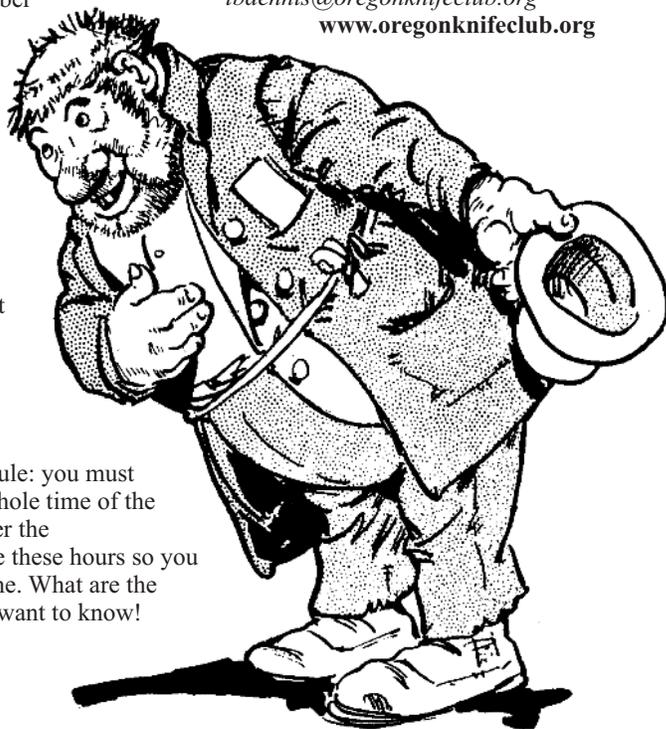
Say the words--the Oregon Knife Collectors--and you will get the special rate; and it helps to promote our Show.

Self-contained motor homes can be parked in the parking lot at the Convention Center. There is a charge of \$15.00 per night, or \$50.00 for three nights. Register with the office.

Also for motor homes or campers:

Creswell KOA Mobile Home Park
(800) 562-4110 -(541) 895-4110
Premier RV Resorts (541) 686-3152
Eugene Camping World & RV park
(800) 343-3008 -(541) 343-4832

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The Seek-re-tary Report

by elayne

The meeting at G. Willickers Restaurant in Eugene had an attendance of 28.

Michael Kyle advised we would have reservations for 90-100 tables for the December Show (December 14—Lane County Fair Grounds). The hours will be 7:00am to 4:00pm, and it will be necessary to stay and be uncovered until the bell rings at 4:00pm. The tables are free for OKCA members, and it is free admission to the general public (the annual Holiday Fair will be held at the same time) so we should have a good audience. The most important note of all concerns the

donation box for the Marine's Toys For Tots program. Please bring a gift, new and unwrapped for donation to this very special program. Call Michael (541)998-5729 or email a-doxiex2@att.net to reserve your table for December.

Barbara Kyle reported for the potluck dinner after the show. The Club will pay for the salmon, ham and turkey. It will also provide plates and utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to round out the meal. Contact Barbara (541)998-5729 with questions.

We have received the Al Mar display award knives and Wayne Morrison will coordinate the handling, scrimshanding and engraving. Please contact Wayne (541)942-1374 if you can donate your talents to enhance these knives.

Larry Criteser will oversee the grinding competition. We want the grinders to volunteer

to finish the knives so we can present them as display award knives the following year.

The Butch Vallotton 2003 Club knife is on sale. An application form is in the most recent Knewsletter.

The Website has undergone some changes. Our ISP has changed to Earthlink and some changes had to be made. Check it our for yourself

Meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

We have arranged for the November 14 meeting to be at G. Willickers Restaurant, Coburg Road, Eugene. Bring something for Show and Tell.

Happy Thanksgiving. See you at the December show.



Customizing...

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grinding away carefully till I get just to the liner. Then, I'll lay the surface of the handle on the belt sander to reduce the thickness to what I desire and to true it up. I also use a shaft machine (fig.7) to do all the final shaping, to radius the edges and arrive at the final profile. If you don't have a shaft machine, hand files will do the job just as well, albeit a bit slower. Just take your time and profile all around the edges of the handles, reducing their dimensions till they are flush with the edge of the liners, and radius the edge so the final result is much the look of the original handles. Finally, I'll use wet/dry sandpaper with water, working my way down to 400-600 grit on the handles and any part of the metal of the knife I may have scratched. If you do not have a buffer to buff out a super-glue finish and the surface scratches, you can keep on going down to 600 -1200 grit paper to get a really smooth final surface. This will get you to the point where you can apply your choice of finish.

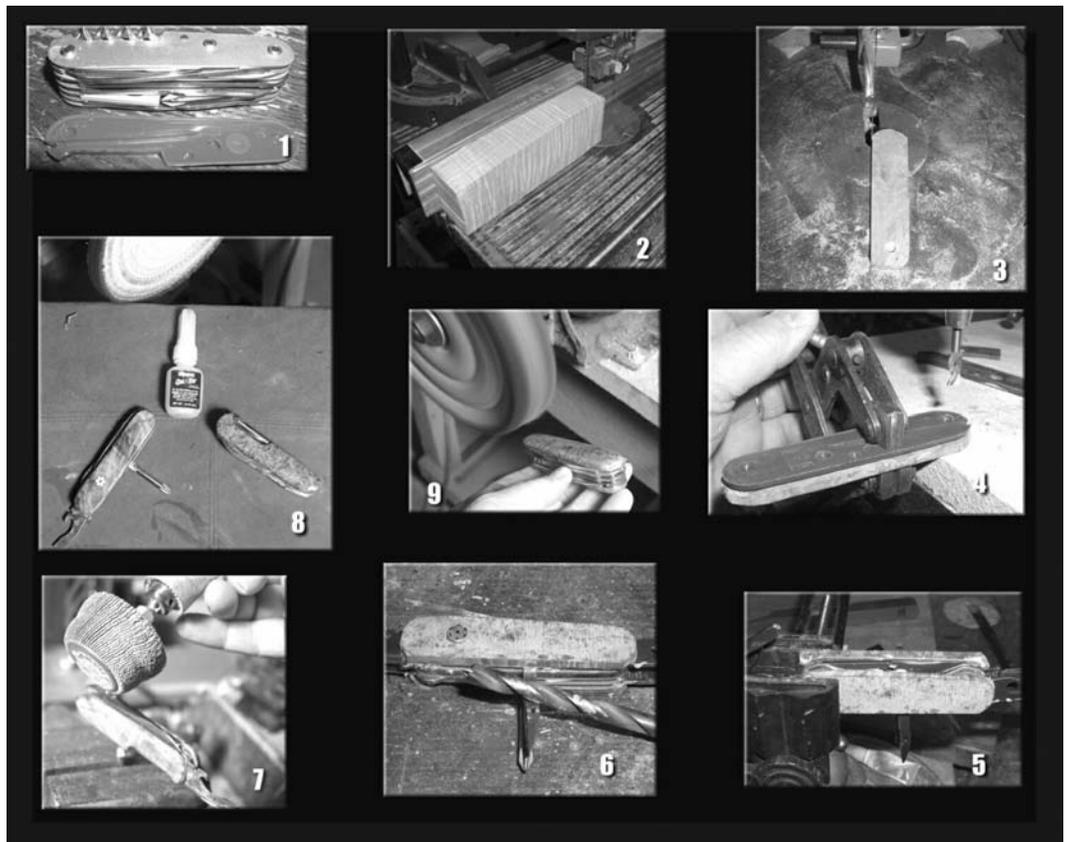
With all shaping and sanding completed, I normally apply a super-glue finish to the handles. This is extremely durable and provides a high-gloss. (Fig.8) Choose a lint-free applicator of some sort (I use photographic lens cleaning tissue). Put a few drops of super glue on the handle and quickly spread with the tissue. Let dry 30 minutes and apply another coat. Keep applying coats of super glue and don't sand in between coats. Build up anywhere from 10-15 layers. The final surface will be rough, but using a buffer (fig.9) with a loose cloth wheel and knife-maker's green polish, you will quickly arrive at a glass smooth, high gloss surface. If you burn through to the wood, just build it up again with several more applications and rebuffer. This may take a bit of practice to perfect, but it will produce the best possible finish. If you are reluctant to try this, or don't have a buffer available, there is a wide

choice of commercial finishes you can use. Also, a lot of the stabilized woods, and some of the harder natural woods, will buff out to a smooth, glossy look without any finish. At this time, I also buff out the exposed metal parts of the knife to remove any scratches. Recently, I have begun giving the whole knife a coating of Renaissance Wax* as a final treatment.

There is just one task left to perform. Get some toothpicks and pipe cleaners, get comfortable and spend sufficient time to get all the excess glue, epoxy, buffing compound and other junk out of the cracks and crevices. Take your bottle

of White Lightning*, or Break-Free*, or whatever lubricant you prefer and lube all the joints. Add a fob-leather, braid or whatever-and you now have the perfect carry knife, one that fits the bill in both form and function. If you would like to see a few more of my YohSaks, and in living color, visit my website at <http://ark.ship.edu/~mbyoh>

* I have referred to these brands as points of reference. There are other brand products that may work just as well, but I have mentioned the ones I am familiar with and have obtained good results with.





OREGON KNIFE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT

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Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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

OKCA membership includes newsletter, dinner/swap meetings, free admission to OKCA shows, free OKCA Winter show tables, right to buy OKCA club knife.

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

2003 28TH ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 12-13, 2003 470 — 8'x30" TABLES

Exhibit Hall, Lane County Convention 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 2002 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2003, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2002. 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 12/15/02.

ALL TABLE HOLDERS AND VISITORS agree to abide by the OKCA show rules, and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane County Fair Board 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 predominantly 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: 9 AM Saturday to 3 PM Sunday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES 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.

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.

SECURITY 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 County Fair Board 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 11, 2003. 10am - 8pm set-up; open **ONLY** to table-holders and members of OKCA.

Saturday, April 12, 2003. 7am-9am set-up. **9am-6pm** open to public. **6 pm** no-host bar, **7pm** food, awards, entertainment. Tickets Required.

Sunday, April 13, 2003 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, 2003; for later cancellation, refund will be granted only if your table is rented to someone else. **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)

___ Club Dues (Total from above) \$ _____

___ SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TICKETS @ \$12 each: \$ _____

___ Sale/Trade table(s) @ \$95 each (members only) \$ _____

___ Collector Display table(s) free with sale table: \$ _____

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 County Fair Board harmless for any accident, damage, loss, theft, or injury.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Oregon Knife Collectors 2003 Club Knife

This year we are offering a Butch Valotton folding pocket knife for the members of the OKCA. This is an original design and it will have honey coloured bone handles; a hollow ground blade made from 440C; it will have a signature forged over liner lock; titanium liners (anodized) and thumb stud; the handle is 3-1/2" (8.9 cm), the blade is 2-1/16" (6.8 cm) and overall is 6-1/8" (15.5 cm) . The knives will be serial numbered and will have the OKCA logo etched in the blade. Only 50 knives will be made for sale to our Club members. One knife per person at this first offering.

The special price for this knife is \$200.00 each.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Quantity _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please add \$8 for shipping if you will be unable to pick this knife up at the Show on April 12-13, 2003.



The Will You Marry Me Knife?

Peter and Verlene Faust and I (ibdennis) have been friends since the Oregon Knife Club got started. The growth of the Club, and the growth of their son, Jayson, have been interesting to watch. Jayson was at each of the Knife Shows we have had and like my son, Ray, the two developed a liking for knives.

The story below got lost in my file drawer until recently; but, with Sonya's help, we feel honored to tell this knife story. It is best told in Sonya's words.....



Let's see... Jayson and I had been dating for about nine months and had been talking about getting married. As he knew I was rather picky about what ring I would wear on my finger (i.e. -- I had told him that I wanted to pick it out myself), he was wracking his

brain trying to figure out some way to propose to me. A friend of his suggested that he do something with knives, since it was a common interest of ours.

He remembered quite vividly that about a week after we had started dating, he had mentioned to me that he had a Spyderco Delica with SpyderEdge, a smaller version of the Spyderco Endura Lightweight which he carried. Of course, I remember it a bit differently, but Jayson insists that I held out my hand and said, "Gimme", quite distinctly. From that day on, I carried the Delica every day.

Jayson decided to have the words, "Will you marry me?", engraved on the blade. The only problem was, how to get it away from me without me suspecting anything? Since we were planning a backpacking trip to the Three Sisters' Wilderness after Spring Term in 1998 got out in June, he asked for my knife to get it sharpened in time for the trip. I didn't have a clue, so, of course, I gave him the knife.

About a week later, the day before we left, I asked him where the knife was and he fibbed (yes, he did!) and said that it hadn't been

sharpened yet as the sharpener was behind with all the orders. So I reluctantly put only my Swiss Army knife in my pack.

The second day of our hike dawned clear and bright, and Jayson easily convinced the seven of us (Jayson & me, three of my best friends, his best friend and his cousin) to hike from our camp at Mink Lake to the top of Pack Saddle Mountain. After several grueling hours, we arrived sweaty, hungry, thirsty and hot at the top. But the view was fantastic! We had an uninterrupted north and south view of the entire Cascade range and surrounding hills and lakes. Everybody wanted a rest in the shade, so Jayson convinced me to wander off to sit at another viewpoint.

Just before we sat down, he started complaining that something was bothering his back, and when he messed around with his coat that was threaded through his fanny pack he "found" my knife. When I asked him when he got it, he said that he went back to see if it was ready, and then he must have forgotten to take it out of his coat pocket. He handed it to me, I said, "Okay", and promptly clipped it to my pocket.

He got a disgruntled look on his face and said, "Aren't you going to look at it to make sure they did a good job?" Feeling a bit chastised, I flipped open the blade, glanced at it, said, "Yup, looks just fine."

He looked even more frustrated, "You didn't really look at the blade." "Fine," I muttered and flipped it open again. With the sun glaring off the blade, about all I could see was that they hadn't cleaned the blade very well at all, but the edge sure looked sharp to me.

This time he painfully managed, "Look harder!" This time, I made a real show of looking very carefully at the edge and turned the blade in the sun. Finally, I saw that it read "Will



you marry me?" I turned to him and said, "Of course!"

That's when he let out a big sigh of relief and began haranguing me for my lack of attention to detail, especially when he was very precariously kneeling on one knee on a pile of volcanic rocks, as if I was trying to torture him!

When we returned from our trip, we decided to take the knife back to the same engraver and had my answer and the date engraved on the opposite side of the blade. And I will never forget that blade and edge are two very different parts of a knife!

Jayson and Sonya were married on July 31, 1999. Just recently they moved to Baltimore MD where Sonya will be attending Johns Hopkins University.

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Mike & Barbs Corner

This will be the last article for us until the Dec. 14 Mini Show at the Lane County Fair Grounds. I want to get all the information to you that I can.

As of today October 27, 2002 we have 65 tables reserved for the Christmas mini show. That means we only have about 25 tables left if you want one. You can e-mail me at a-doxix2@att.net or call (541)998-5729 and leave a message. For this show it's OK to just leave a message.

December 14, 2002 Mini Christmas Knife Show Lane County Fair grounds.

Set up at 7AM and doors will be open to the public from 8AM to 4PM. We do not have security at this show so you need to watch your own table. If you have not been to this show before, it's just across the parking lot from the big buildings which is where we have the April Knife Show. The tables will be free to members of the Oregon Knife Collectors Club. The public also does not have to pay to get into this show. The show is advertized in the local paper. They will have food and drink to buy at our show.

The show is over at 4PM and the pot luck is at 5PM. If you plan to attend the potluck, bring something to nibble on. The Club will furnish the meat and drinks. The potluck is a good time to get around and talk with other members of the Club. The potluck is held right in the same building as the knife show. The Club also will have plenty of plates and knife, fork and spoons for you to eat with.

Marines Toys For Tots means that we would like all of you to bring a gift for Toys For Tots. This is a new gift, unwrapped up to age 12 yrs. Since we started this, the Christmas presents have been plenty. The Marines will come by and pick up the Christmas gifts and then give them out later to kids who need them. It won't hurt you to bring a gift for Toys For Tots. We will have a special table set up for this up front. Just look for the Marine Corp flag. Thanks.

I think we have covered it all. **Date** December 14; **Time:** 7AM to 4PM. Potluck and gifts for Toys For Tots. We are all looking forward to seeing all of you and want you to have fun and maybe get that special knife you have been looking for at this show.

Cut-toon

Drunk knives 10,000 BC



Drunk gets a web-site!

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I just have to tell you this knife story that happened the week-end at Expo in Portland ,OR. We went to this 1300 table antique show in Portland, OR. While looking around for knives and the like, I spotted one. I asked the man if I could look at it, and he said sure. What caught my attention was the fact it was larger than normal. I was looking the knife over and checked out the blades. The knife had a fork blade folded up, a regular knife blade in the center and then a can and bottle opener blade. It had three blades all on one end and was marked Colonial. He wanted \$75.00 for it which I thought was a little high. Barb, my wife, came up and asked what have you got? So she looked at it, then we handed it back to the man.

I noticed that Barb was trying to get my attention while we were still talking. She was sliding her hands back and forth. You know like praying, buy sliding back and forth. I thought what is wrong with her, is she sick or have to go to the bathroom or what? Then she said that knife is a take apart. I said what! She said it's a take apart kind of knife. I said you got to be kidding. So the man handed her the knife ,and she took it apart and showed both of us. First the fork blade came off, then the middle blade the and then the can opener and bottle opener blade. She looked at us and smiled. I laughed and the man looked at me and said you better keep her around. She comes in handy. I said , well now that you know what it is all about, what do you want for it? He said how about \$40.00? I said sold. We both left shaking our heads on that one. On the handle shield it has PIC-Nic-Pal.

Take care and we will see you at the Christmas Mini Show December 14,2002.

Mike & Barb Kyle



We get Letters

We received a note from Joe Drouin which we want to share.

Dennis,

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed the OKCA over the years. I enjoyed exhibiting and being a part of one of the finest knife clubs in the country-thanks to you and others like you and your staff and the membership. I will certainly miss you all. The standing ovation you received when I presented you with the award was certainly well deserved.

I will probably see some of you at other shows hopefully. Please include this letter in one of your Knewletters as a goodbye note to the OKCA membership. It has been a pleasure to be a part of you (OKCA). I will continue to support you as a dues paying member and hopefully maybe even fly out in the future to a Show. My health hasn't been as good as I would like it to be lately and while I'm able, I'm going back East (probably Virginia) next spring. If something happens in the future, I'll be close to family. I will still exhibit and visit Eastern shows while I'm able. Thanks again.

Many regards to all,

Joe Drouin

And another note from Karen Priest concerning the last club meeting.

I'd like to thank the group for letting two of our grandsons briefly tell about their "knives, (one being a much beloved light saber from a five year old Star Wars fan). They both felt very special. Our grandsons are all interested in knives. It may be because of some of the eye-popping tales Papa John has told them. I didn't let him discuss Hari-kari rituals, however. All of their fathers hunt and own several knives. I'm sure we are grooming future OKCA members!

Sincerely,
Karen Priest



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 rhubarb leaves) and 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.

For Sale - Randall knives bought, sold and traded. Also looking for a 1983 OKCA Gerber Paul Club knife. Call or email for current inventory: Jim Schick (209) 333-1155, email jbschick@pacbell.net

For Sale - Overholser lock blade folding knife for sale. \$250. 3" blade, brass liners and bolsters, stag handle slabs. Marked #1 1987. (541)689-8098 ask for Wayne. e-mail wgoddard44@earthlink.net

For Sale - Six custom Goddard folders made in the mid 70's for sale individually.(541)689-8098 ask for Wayne. e-mail wgoddard44@earthlink.net

For Sale - New Dayton motors \$100. 1-1/2 hp 3450 rpm 115/230 56c face frame. Three at this price. 4x60 abrasive belts 80-120-320 \$2.00ea. CPM-S 30v steel 3/16x1-1/2 \$16.50 foot. Call John @ Tru-Grit (800)532-3336

For Sale - 6" x 12" Covel Surface grinder, 1/2 hp 110v, includes diamond dresser and assorted grinding wheels. \$2,000.00, contact Jim Gillespey Vancouver, WA (360)576-9114 or jmgillespey1@attbi.com

Wanted - Commemorative Blue Grass Series-Belknap Hardware Company. Need mint condition numbers 1, 2, 7, 9, and 10. Please call Mike at 541-336-2107 or email at Mytler77@webtv.net

Wanted - John Ek knives marked Hamden,Conn and Miami,FL. Also original sheaths, catalogs and advertising items. Contact Richard at: (619)437-0564 or at: kaasu111@aol.com

For Sale - Blade blanks. Also some A2, D2 and O1. Contact Gene Martin at (541)846-6755 or email me: bladesmith@customknife.com

For Sale - Complete engraving outfit. Large GRS ball w/accessories kit (1 piece missing), Gravermeister compressor, foot switch, one hand piece, assorted cutters, engraving book, GRS sharpener with diamond and stone wheels, tool sharpener jig. Won't break up the set. Firm \$1,800. Contact Bill Herndon (661)269-5860 bhernsnsl@aol.com

For Sale - Natural finish Oak display box lined with black velvet 13-1/4 x 3-3/8 id dimensions 1-1/8 deep \$50 + s/h Craig Morgan (541)345-0152

Wanted - M..W. Seguine knives, Juneau, Alaska maker. Will consider most any condition. Contact Jack (805)489-8702 or email jh5jh@aol.com

Wanted - email pictures of unusual Schrade Cut Co or Schrade Walden tang markings. Please send picture of knife, closeup of tang marking, any interesting bolster or emblem markings wanted also, with permission to use picture. Send to Beaker@sunset.net with my thanks ahead of time. Working on article for Knewsletter.

For Sale - Marzitelli Prowler. New from Columbia River Knife and Tool (CRKT) "The Prowler" designed by Canadian custom knife maker Peter Marzitelli. This is one heavy duty locking liner folder that's built for serious work. One of the finest features is the unique opening system called "The Groove." Super easy blade deployment with very little effort. (M.S.R.P. \$59.99) For more info contact a dealer near you or call Peter Marzitelli (604)532-8899

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Wanted - OKCA '98 Wayne Goddard Spyderco Club Knife. If interested in selling, please contact Ron Brown at mrtoad@internetcds.com.

Stabilize - Make wood harder-fast. Do it yourself at home. Antler, wood, bone. Positive process, no special equipment. Approximately \$2 per piece. Hiltary Recon-if we can do stone, you can easily do the above. Call (800) 872-5263 or SASE: Hiltary Box P Scottsdale AZ 85252

Wanted - Knuckle knives, especially with military significance. Gerber Mark II combat/survival knives: interested in early and unusual pieces and related items and histories. Canted blades, colored handles, dive knives, etc. If you carried a MKII, please let me know. Also Kukri's, Rnadall's, F-S Commando, U S Military knives and nice old fighting knives in general. Phil Bailey POB 13000-A Portland OR 97213-0017 (503)281-6864 email pbailey@europa.com

For Sale - Pierce-Arrow throwing knives - 1 for \$60.00, 3 for \$160.00 or 5 for \$250.00. Made from 5160 high carbon spring steel. Measure

13"x1-5/8"x1/4" and weigh 13oz. 1 oz per inch. Cloth carrying pouch \$10.00. S/H \$6.00 for one and \$3.00 for each additional. Bob Patrick 816 Pearce Portal Dr Blaine WA 98230 (604)538-6214 or bob@knivesonnet.com

For Sale - Miniature knife collection, all or part. For details call Mike Allen (903)489-1026 or email whiskersknives@aol.com

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Events Calendar November 2002

----- November -----		
Nov	22-23	- Ohio Valley Show -Cambridge OH (KW-B-KI)
----- December -----		
Dec	05-07	- Greatest Knife Show - Pigeon Forge TN (KW-B-KI)
Dec	14-15	- Heart of America in St Charles MO (KW-B-KI)
Dec	14-14	- Oregon Winter Mini Show - Eugene OR
----- January 2003 -----		
Jan	11-12	- Great Northwest Show - Salem OR (KW-B)
Jan	17-19	- Las Vegas Classic Knife Show (KW-B)
Jan	24-26	- Chattanooga Knife Show -TN (KW-B-KI)
Jan	24-26	- Wolverine Knife Show -Novi MI (KW-B-KI)
Jan	25-26	- Gateway Area Show -St Louis MO (KW)
Jan	31-02	- Gator Cutlery Show -Lakeland FL (KW-B)
Jan	31-02	- American Bladesmith Expo -Reno NV (KW-B-KI)
----- February 2003 -----		
Feb	08-09	- Arkansas Custom Show -Little Rock (KW-B-KI)
Feb	21-23	- Knife Expo 03 Buena Park -CA (KW-B)
Feb	22-23	- Atlanta Knife Show -GA (KW-B)
----- March 2003 -----		
Mar	08-09	- Bunker Hill Knife Show -Godfrey IL (KW-B)
Mar	14-15	- Mason Dixon Show - Sharpsburg MD (KW-B)
Mar	14-16	- NKCA Ohio Spring Show -Wilmington (KW-B)
Mar	21-22	- Knife Show at McKinney Texas (KW)
Mar	21-23	- Badger Knife Show -Janesville WI (KW-B)
----- April 2003 -----		
Apr	04-06	- Shenandoah Valley Knife Show -Harrisonburg VA (B-KI)
Apr	12-13	- Oregon Knife Collectors -Eugene OR (KW-B-KI)
Apr	11-12	- Canadian Guild Show -Toronto (KW-B)
Apr	25-27	- Louisville Spring Show - KY (KW-B)
----- May 2003 -----		
May	03-04	- Lugano Switzerland Espolama Knife Show (KW-B)

----- June 2003 -----		
Jun	13-15	- Blade Show -Atlanta GA (B-KI)
Jun	27-29	- Springfield Knife Show -MO (KW)
----- July 2003 -----		
Jul	11-12	- Knifemakers Guild Show -Orlando FL (KI)
Jul	18-20	- Montana Custom Show - Missoula MT
----- August 2003 -----		
Aug	01-03	- Central Texas Show -Austin TX (KW)
Aug	08-10	- Central Kentucky Knife Show - Lexington (KW)
----- September 2003 -----		
Sep	12-14	- Spirit of Steel -Mesquite TX (KI)
Sep	19-21	- Louisville Fall Show -KY (KW)



DINNER MEETING

Thursday Evening
 November 14, 2002

G Willickers
 440 Coburg Road
 Eugene Oregon

6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting

Show-N-Tell - Bring a special 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 - (KI) Knives Illustrated

