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DECEMBER MINI SHOW TABLE/Exhibitor APPLICATION 2024

Saturday, December 7, 2024. 8am-9am set-up. 9am-4pm open to the public.

PLEASE ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM. Full refund granted if reservation canceled by October 15, 2024.

MAIL THIS PAGE AND YOUR CHECK TODAY. A signature is required at the bottom of page 2.

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email _____

Type of knives on your tables _____

Name for second badge _____ (two badges per table-holder)

Qty _____ Sale/Trade table \$50 (members only)\$ _____
(make check payable to O.K.C.A.)



Requested Table Number(s) _____

See table layout in September newsletter

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SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES 2024

Mini December OREGON KNIFE SHOW • December 7th, 2024
100 — 8'x30" TABLES

Exhibit Hall, Lane Events Center and Fairgrounds, 796 West 13th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.
For Information Contact the Club: (541) 972-3393 or info@oregonknifecollectors.com

RESERVATIONS: Tables will be assigned. NO RESERVATIONS HONORED OR APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT.

ALL TABLE-HOLDERS AND VISITORS agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, loss, damage, theft, or injury.

ANY QUESTION OR DISPUTE arising during the Show shall be resolved by the Show Chair, whose decision shall be final.

THIS IS A KNIFE SHOW. All tables must be 90% knives or knife related items (e.g. swords, axes, edged tools, edged weapons, knife books, knifemaking supplies). If in doubt, check with the Show Chair ahead of time. The OKCA reserves the right to bar any item from display or sale. No firearms 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 to 4PM Saturday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES OR COVERS THEIR TABLE BEFORE 4PM SATURDAY FORFEITS FUTURE RESERVATIONS AND WILL BE DENIED TABLES AT FUTURE OREGON KNIFE SHOWS.

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. NO EXCEPTIONS.

LICENSED SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY: Unlicensed service animals or pets are not permitted in the buildings of the Lane County fairgrounds and will be asked by the fairgrounds administration to leave the premises.

SHOW FACILITATORS will be provided by OKCA from 9AM - 4PM Saturday. However, exhibitors are responsible for watching their own tables. Neither the OKCA nor the Lane Events Center 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;
- All blades must have their tips/points facing away from the aisle.

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.

The Oregon Knife Collectors Association is not responsible for force majeure.

I have read and agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules as set forth herein, and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, damage, loss, theft, or injury. Signature and date required.

Signature _____ Date _____



NEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL

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

October 2024

"What IS IT?" Appleseed Grind by Grace Mikolyski

So, the "appleseed grind" is a knife edge style that's shaped a bit like an appleseed—rounded and smooth. It's also called a "convex grind."



What Makes It Special:

- **Shape:** The edge is subtly rounded, not flat or hollow.
- **Cutting Power:** This rounded shape helps with slicing and makes cutting super smooth.
- **Durability:** The convex edge is pretty tough, so it stays sharp for longer and doesn't chip easily.

Where It's Used:

- **Kitchen Knives:** You'll often see this grind on high-quality chef's knives and slicers.
- **Outdoor Knives:** It's also used on some outdoor knives for a good mix of sharpness and strength.

Overall, the appleseed grind is perfect for anyone who wants a knife that's both sharp and durable, making kitchen prep a breeze!



CONVEX

Lev-R-Lok Knife: leading the way back to the fast release opening knives in America by BK Brooks

The Lev-R-Lok knife was the one of the fuses, if not the fuse, that started the opening of the doors in the USA of a fast release, then a automatic knife revival that has really mushroomed into a American growth industry in the last decade (with strong support by the American Knife and Tool Institute). Even Buck Knives now officially has an automatic knife being sold.

Other attempts similar to the Lev-R-Lok knife such as the Jet Knife Co Products circa 1947 (pre-ban) and the company SARCO which made a lever fast release style knife that became a Club knife for the Tar Heel Cutlery Club in 1989 were made. During this time frame the closest thing one could get was the Paul Poehlmann Axial Locking Mechanism Knife (circa 1976) which was really not a fast release blade . In general before the Lev-R-Lok the bans were strong and manufacturers shied away from mass producing fast release blade knives.

The knife was designed by Bill Taylor. They were said to have been produced

originally sometime in the 1980s by a small company called Soque River Knives which was the original brand on tang mark, and it has been said that later Camillus acquired the rights to the knife design. Will Fennell of Camillus noted in Bladeforums: "Soque River knives had us produce the LEV-R-LOK for them originally. They bought them from us and marketed them themselves for a couple of years, but began to have some difficulties in their young business".

Inventor William Taylor researched many knife patents and used different elements of design when he came up with the Lev-R-Lok. The root of the design goes back to a patent in 1881 by Edmund D. Chamberlain (patent # 249,896). Taylor also took elements from patents of Henry Treas April 22, 1902, Charles Keeran patent July 24,1917

and Max Neft's patent of October 10th 1922. The patent of Paul Geisen Nov 7th 1927 was a big stepping stone having a pivotal blade, with the pivoted end geared with tooth-like projections.

William Taylor's final design allows easy fast blade release of a knife without a spring. It's a very interesting part of the evolution of one-handed opening knives that seemed to slip by legal beagles who clung to the politically motivated 1958 Federal Switchblade Act. I first saw one for sale in Cabela's in Nebraska of all places.

The original box for the Lev-R-Lok sold by Soque River Knives of Clarksville Georgia had instructions and a registration card in the box with the knife.

This design caught the eye of the giant Camillus Cutlery Company when approached by Soque River Knives. The

Camillus Cutlery Company was founded in 1877 and produced millions of knives until it filed for bankruptcy in 2007. Adolph Kastor previously imported and distributed German-made knives. In 1897, when a foreign tariff was started, the knives became too expensive to import. The only solution Kastor saw was to manufacture knives domestically. Eventually, his search led him to Charles Sherwood who owned a small knife manufacturing business in Camillus.

Around 1902 with Adolph Kastor in charge, the company started to expand. They bought new machinery, such as steam-driven drop forge hammers and fly presses and adopted new techniques. By 1910, the Camillus Cutlery Company was producing close to a million knives a year and had about 200 employees.

Foreign competition and Union disputes and lockouts ultimately took its toll on Camillus as customers dried up and the company subsequently filed for bankruptcy and closed on February 28, 2007.

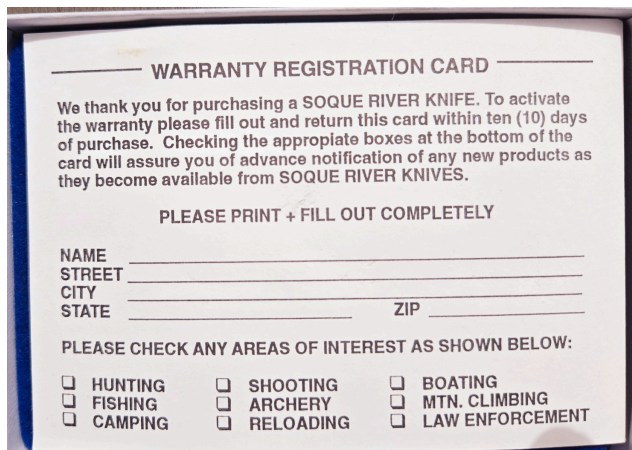
Camillus executives obviously took a shine to this design and bought the rights to manufacture it under their name. Camillus soon produced four models: Clip Blade #5848, Piranha Serrated blade

#5851. Later they came out with a gut hook model, number unknown. This knife leads to Camillus and other companies in America producing fast opening knives such as Camillus Cuda. As other manufactures got on the train of fast release blade knives legal lines became blurred in state laws leading to an opening back for fully Automatic knives to be mass produced in America.

After the 2007 bankruptcy the rights were bought by ACME United Corporation which re-launched the Camillus brand in May 2009 using modern materials. They produce their version of the Lev-R-Lok 6.75" Folding Knife featuring a G10 Handle and AUS-8 Steel. AUS-8 steel offers exceptional balance between toughness, edge sharpness, and corrosion resistance. The steel is bonded with Carbonitride Titanium that resists rust and corrosion. On February 11, 2013, the original Camillus Cutlery building caught on fire. The fire blazed for over 30 hours and it took more than 2 million gallons of water to put it out. After the fire, the cutlery lay dormant for 5 years before being transformed into 29 loft apartments. ACME United Corporation still produces knives currently.

ACME / Camillus Specifications for Lev-R-Lok

- Knife Type: Folding Knives
- Steel Quality: AUS-8 Stainless Steel
- Blade Length Range: 2-3 Inch
- Blade Shape: Drop Point
- Blade Color: Black
- Blade Edge: Partial Serration
- Blade Grind: Sabre Grind
- Handle Material: G10
- Blade Coating: Carbonitride Titanium
- Handle Color: Black
- Lock Type: Lock Back



5849, Tanto # 5850 and seat belt cutter



So this old standby still exists. I liked it because it never popped open in one's

pants pocket as many spring knives have a tendency to do. The design seems to be dust and debris resistant which can foul many spring knives. The Lever is handy and does the job. The price point does not put much of a dent in your pocket book for this sturdy and reliable knife.

As always happy collecting,

B K Brooks

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Thank you for everything, Craig!



The OKCA would like to extend our enormous gratitude to Craig Morgan for nearly twenty years of dedicated service as a board member and devoted promoter of the Club. Following his tireless efforts to help keep the show going last year, Craig stepped down from the board at the start of the summer season and Bill Claussen has graciously stepped in to fill Craig's role in the interim position. Thank you for everything, Craig!

- The OKCA Board



Announcements from the OKCA Board

Announcements:

1. At the Sizzler meeting on September 18th 2024, the Board nominated the following to fill the roles of the Board/Officers of the Club:

- President - Ray Ellingsen
- Vice President - Steve Goddard
- Secretary Treasurer - Susan Goddard
- Master At Arms - Joshua Hill
- Show Chair - Lisa Wages
- Publicity Chair - Grace Mikolyski
- Club Liason - Bill Claussen

Steve Goddard opened the floor to the club members and asked for other Nominations. There were no other nominations.

The vote to secure these nominations was agreed to by the club members unanimously.

The vote to ratify these nominations will be held at the Sizzler meeting on 10/16/24.

- 2. OKCA Membership count as of today is 957.
- 3. Reserve your table for the December 2024 Mini Show online or with the form enclosed in this newsletter.

We will have our annual Toys for Tots drive at the Mini Show.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



4. We would like to have two recurring columns in this newsletter, the first is "What IS IT?", 250 words with 1 or 2 pictures, and write about anything you would like on knife facts. And the second, "The Blade I Carry" - 250 words with 1 or 2 pictures, we would all like to hear about the EDC knives our fellow members carry.

If you would like to write a full length article, 600 words with 2-4 pictures. If there are more than 900 words it will (usually) be split into two parts and placed in two consecutive months. Thank you for your article submission for this month BK Brooks! :)

October Meeting at Sizzler

10/16/2024

(dinner at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6:00pm)
1010 Postal Way, Springfield, OR
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____ Start/ _____ Renew my/our OKCA membership (\$30 individual/\$45 family) \$ _____ Newsletter mailed (\$30) \$ _____

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 and email or snail 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, depending on available space.

Downsizing two shops. Tools, leg vises, goodies of all kinds, some blanked blades. Some steampunk stuff. Gene Martin. bladesmith@customknife.com

After Covid, Sally has come up with some new and unique mosaic pin designs. That includes 1/4", 3/16" and 1/8" stars. sally@customknife.com

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For Sale: Collection of Bronze Knives. Eight (8) pieces that include five (5) bronze daggers, a bronze Roman spear point, a Roman bronze friction folder and a bronze war axe head. These were featured in the April 2022 issue of the Newsletter. I will throw in a bronze bracelet and some bronze Roman coins. \$2,500.00 for all. I also have a meteorite blade from Indonesia and a very early steel sword blade from England. Contact Dan @ Westlind@wwestsky.net

WANTED to buy: American made Bowie and dirk knives from the Civil War and earlier, plus fancy California knives and push daggers. Mark Zalesky
(865)310-0576 (leave msg) or email knifepub@gmail.com

For Sale - Vintage and other knives and axes for sale on eBay under MAYERI BOUTIQUE. Carbon steel, German and Japanese knives and more. Becky Pierce.

For Sale - JIMMY LILE FOLDER with button lock (tight), engraving and scrimshaw. Good condition but not collector grade perfect. Still, it's a Lile knife. On consignment in my store for \$4800 OBO. Can also be seen at the Rickreall Gun Dec 9th & 10th or the Eugene Gun & knife show Dec 15 & 16th, and on Ebay. Call David at 503-234-8898 or swordrep3208@gmail.com

Knife Books for sale as a lot: 28 books, Much less than recent retail!
Please send me email for the complete list to patgeehan@gmail.com

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Buying OKCA Club Knives for my personal collection. I am also interested in Wayne Goddard, Ron Lake, Lonewolf (Pre Benchmade), and Spyderco Kopa knives.

Call or email Jordan (310)386-4928 - jgl321@aol.com

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Blades and knifemaker supplies. All blades are ground by Gene Martin. I also do custom grinding. See at www.customknife.com, contact Gene at bladesmith@customknife.com (541)846-6755.

WANTED: T. M. Dowell integral hunting knife. new or used. Call Ed at 503-842-4470 or eforam@centurylink.net.

Useful reference books on blades. Collectible knives, custom knives and knifemaking, military knives, swords, tools, and anything else that has an edge. Email for a list. Quality Blade Books C/O Rick Wagner P O Box 41854 Eugene OR 97404 (541)688-6899 wagner1938@yahoo.com.

J.A. Henckels Vintage Knife Collection available for viewing at jahenckelscollection.com. Bruce Owens buker@charter.net.

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