



The LONE SCOUT

A Publication for Scout and Utility Knife Collectors



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A BIG HELLO!

First of all, let me say thanks to all of you who answered my ad. I thought I was the only one out there that was crazy enough to collect scout and utility knives. I started out with about eight or nine replies to the ad, but the number is growing and I think it will get even bigger. I just thought it was about time to start comparing notes and maybe help each other out with knives that we can't seem to find on our own. Later, I want to have space for some "want", or "for sale" items, or whatever you want. I would like to have input from you, and articles that you think would be good for all of us to know. To start with, let's keep things short, and we can work up to longer stories as the time goes on.

COLLECTORS FROM ALL OVER.

I did receive replies from all over the country. From **Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, California, Florida, North Dakota, Maine, New Hampshire and Virginia.** We are really spread out, but this will be better as sometimes I find that certain knives are easier to find in different parts of the country. Western knives used to be that way out here with Western's plant right close by in Colorado. But since the plant closed a few years ago, seems that everyone is collecting the old ones and they are getting hard to find. But, as you already know, the good ones are always hard to find or you have to pay a good price for them.

WESTERN PROTO SCOUT KNIFE?

Speaking of Western, I have a different Western scout knife that I think is pretty rare. I bought it from a fellow collector that belongs to the Denver

Knife Cub and used to collect knives for his son. It is a "fishing" one-blade with yellow plastic handles. It looks like an ordinary fishing knife, except it has an official box and sheath with all the official scout markings on them. He said he bought it at the final auction of the Western plant a couple of years ago. He said it probably was made up on contract to be an official scout knife, and was never adopted. Maybe because of the plant closing. It is mint. This is the kind of stuff that I like!

HOORAY FOR THE RED WHITE AND BLUE.

I also like the **red, white, and blue** handled knives. I don't think any of these were official scout knives, but most have "scout" or something similar on their shield. I do have the official "eagle scout" knife made by Camillus that has the red, white, and blue handles that came out a couple of years ago. It is not hard to find, but hardly ever see any for sale. I have about a dozen with the red, white, and blue made by Remington, Imperial, Schrade, and others. Always looking for more.

I also collect "character" knives, and have a few of these. I picked up two at a flea market the other day that I didn't know about. I have had several of the "deputy sheriff" one-blade models, but didn't realize there was a two-blade model also. I have the "Jimmie Allen" sheath and pocket knives also. Others include: three "Lone Ranger" and four "Davy Crockett" knives. So, I will buy any of those that I don't have.

I started out collecting "Smith and Wesson" knives. They came out in 1973, and were mostly sheath knives, and one folder. I have an almost complete collection of those. I lost interest when Smith and Wesson sold out to Vermont who has since sold out again, and has just come out with a new line of knives.

I also collect a lot of "other stuff" that I won't talk about now.

I don't get to many knife shows living out in Western Kansas. About the only one in my area is in Denver, Colorado, and it is in conjunction with a large flea market. The only shows I go to are gun and craft shows. Once in a while these craft shows are pretty good though, and I pick up a couple of good ones. You never know who is going to show up at your table with an "old knife of grand dads". You guys out East and down in the South live where the action is... Lucky.

I don't set-up my collection for display as of yet. I want to later when I can figure out how to do it. I want to be sure that it will be safe, and covered with glass or plastic, and I haven't figured out how to do it yet. I'm working on it and hope to do something this winter. I usually set-up one or two tables at the shows and sell mostly knives. I like the old stuff and most of what I sell is used. I buy, sell, and trade and have a lot of fun. I don't make much money, and that doesn't bother me, because I do it as a hobby and pick up a few knives for my collection. I finally got my wife interested enough to come with me most of the time, and we enjoy eating out and talking to people. If you travel out West you will probably use highway I-70, or I-80. I-70 goes right by Colby, Kansas. We are right on the highway about 250 miles from Denver. You can stop and give me a call. We can talk knives and have a drink together.

I collect all kinds of scout knives, sheath, boy, cub and girl scout. Still looking for the **campfire girl scout knife** made by Remington with the "WoHeLo" shield. Also, really want the **Remington 1930's scout knife box**. The one with the 10 or 12 compartments for scout knives. It has the scout scene inside the box lid, in good condition, of course. Need the **Ulster scout yachtsman's knife** with blade and spike. Appreciate any info on these for sale or trade.

Each newsletter, I would like to pro-

file someone else. **One of you collectors.** I will be asking you for a short story on yourself, your collection, your wants, and anything you want to tell us.

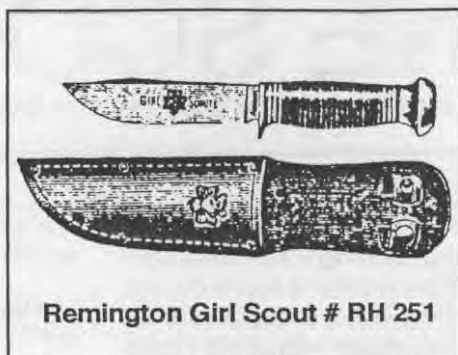
N. K. C. A. SHOW JULY 8-10, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Great show! Just got back a couple of days ago. I really enjoyed it. But as I said, I don't get to go to any big knife shows like this one. I believe there were about 325 tables of all knives. I spent two days there just slowly looking at everything a couple of times. I did pick up a couple of great items though. I got the **Kit Karson Official Scout Kit** in the original box. It has sheath knife, the scout axe, and leather sheath. Hard to find item. Found the **U.S.M.C.** with the round shield by Camillus. The **Ka-Bar #1553 Official Scout**, and best of all, the rare **Remington Girl Scout RH 251** sheath knife with the official green sheath, probably the 1930's. Also found **Rin Tin Tin** and **Rusty** character knife, and a **Purina Tom Mix**. I also purchased a nice old **1930's punch board** that pictured small jack knives as prizes and it was 5 cents a punch. It also included one of the small knives. Guess who I bought it from? **J. Bruce Voyles**, the publisher of **BLADE** magazine.

A real nice large display of scout knives was set-up by scout collector **J. C. Joiner, of Leonard, Texas**. I didn't have a chance to meet him, or know if he was even there, but took a couple of pictures of the display and will include one in this newsletter if they come out all right.

Maybe some of you were there at the show? Never thought of that. I also attended the Saturday night auction to see how it was done. I didn't make any purchases, but enjoyed it also.

I got to meet **Jim and Cindy Taylor** from Mansfield, ~~Mass.~~ Maine. I have talked to them on the phone several times, and purchased some knives from them in the past. If you are not receiving their catalog on knives for sale, you are missing the boat. It comes out several times a year and is always a good one. They always have several hard to find scout knives. They advertise in most of the trade publications and five dollars will get you on their mailing list.



Remington Girl Scout # RH 251

GOOD PUBLICATIONS FOR SCOUT KNIFE COLLECTORS.

LEVINE'S GUIDE TO KNIVES, third edition, is a good book you probably already have. If you don't, get it. It has a great scout knife section in it listing most of the official scout knives available. It is co-written by **Dennis Ellingsen**, the expert on scout knives, and is a great reference. Another one that is a little older and hard to find, the **OFFICIAL PRICE GUIDE TO SCOUTING COLLECTIBLES**, fourth edition, 1986. It is a small book that lists a lot of scouting collectibles and has a large section on knives that gives dates and a little history. I have been looking for a later edition, but have not been able to locate one. It is published by the **HOUSE OF COLLECTIBLES**.

HOW ABOUT A FREE WANT AD?

For the next issue, send me a short list (4 or 5) of scout knives or items that you are wanting to find, and if you would trade. I will put them in the next issue along with your name, phone or whatever you wish. We will use only want lists this time, O.K.? If you want to, you can put in a 29c stamp. I have plenty of envelopes. Next time we can work on the "for sale" items.

UP TO 15 MEMBERS NOW!

I just received another name from Tennessee.

WHAT IS A LONE SCOUT?

The **Lone Scouts of America** was incorporated in 1915 in Washington, District of Columbia. The first Lone Scout took his pledge on October 15, 1915. The program was started for boys that lived in remote areas, or where there was no regular scout troop available. Each boy could pass requirements and earn badges on his own without ever seeing other scouts or ever going to a meeting.

The handbook says that the organization was not a money making proposition. (Imagine that). Their motto was **"Do a Useful Thing Each Day."** Every boy who lived up to this motto was going to be a successful man. The organization put out a weekly publication **"Lone Scout"**, which sold for 3 cents a copy.

I guess this is why I picked the name **"Lone Scout"**. We are sort of like this lone scout out here somewhere by ourself doing our own thing. Maybe we can all feel a little closer to each other with this newsletter, or at least get better acquainted through it. The actual symbol is a standing Indian with his arms outstretched. I better not use it because it's sure to be copyrighted. Does anyone know if it is illegal to use the name if the organization no longer exists? May have to change that too, as I don't want to get in any trouble.

Well, that will be all for this first issue. Hope to hear from all of you, and don't forget to send the want items and a short article or idea we could all benefit from. I will try to put out an issue when ever I get enough material and time. I'm very open for suggestions and will welcome yours.



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Meet Fellow Collector

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I still consider myself a novice collector, although I find my tastes continually evolving to a higher and higher degree of selectivity. I've been into knife collecting seriously for around a year and a half, and in retrospect, I am amazed at myself for having bought some of the junk that I did at the onset. Life should be a continual learning process, though, so I guess I'll just grin and bear it.

I started collecting the scout or utility pattern simply because I've used one for a carry knife for the last thirty-plus years, ever since I was a kid. Speaking of that, my dad was an old gun collector and I can remember going to gun shows in the late '50s and early '60s with him. I remember seeing and wanting a Case Tested springer switchblade, back then they were around twenty or twenty-five bucks. Pop wouldn't go for it though, guess he figured that I'd get it removed from me the first time I showed up at school with it. He was right on that count.

"What was good stuff when it was new will be good stuff as a collectible; and what was junk when it was new will continue to be junk"

I'll pass on a couple of rules he had on collecting: **Rule One**-"What was good stuff when it was new will be good stuff as a collectible, and what was junk when it was new will continue to be junk." **Rule Two**-When buying a high-grade, top-of-the-line piece, you never pay too much money, but sometimes

you buy prematurely.

For myself on collecting knives, I only like two types: **Old good ones, and good old ones.** My most recent acquisition was a **Winchester** in the **4951** pattern--the one with the left-hand pull and the Marlin spike--the only one of that version that I've seen. And, at a price of \$250, I'm not sure if rule two doesn't apply.

I was at the Springfield show too, but didn't buy too much because I was temporarily dough short. I was sure impressed with Mr. Joiner's Scout Knife collection also. I looked his stuff over pretty thoroughly and am pretty sure that he didn't have one that I am also in the hunt for--a scout pattern in a **Jack Knife Ben**. I did talk to a guy down there who told me that he had sold a collection of 33 'Bens' a few years back and there was a scout pattern in that bunch. So they do exist! Well, if I ever do find one, it'll probably come out of Iowa or Illinois; that tang stamp seems to show up more frequently in that area for obvious reasons considering that Benjamin Chon had his shop near the Union Stock Yards in Chicago and the secondary blades on his knives are thusly marked.

Two other knives I considered at Springfield but didn't buy were a **Case Tested scout** with the Case scout shield, and a **Remington RS 3333** with the shield shaped like the official BSA Fleur de Lis; believe me, these are scarce. The Remington round and acorn shields are relatively common, but not these. The Case was tagged at \$400, which would be okay for one that was dead stone mint, but I couldn't give this one much more than exc.++. The guy that had the Remington wanted \$250 for it and I felt that the old knife has also plowed a few too many acres also.

Some other items that I'm interested in are the **Remington R4234** and **R4394** in pearl handles. Also, the **New York Knife scout** with pearl handles. Others are the **Remington** large size utility bullet, and the **Western States Kit**

Carson (much harder to find) and the **Utica** with the buffalo head shield.

Stuff in my own collection that I'm proudest of are four **New York Knife Co. scouts**. Two are the large utility, one being a Buffalo Bill with blade etch, while the other is a plainer version (no milled center liner). Another is standard size and marked BS1 OFFICIAL on the back of the master tang and with a clip blade rather than a spear blade. The fourth is an older yet version, a four inch utility with a blade setup of master spear, sheepsfoot, can opener/cap lifter and punch. The master spear blade has an easily legible stamping (not an etch) on it that has a scout in uniform on it and the company logo "**Hammer Brand**" across a stamped circle, also it's a left-hand pull master.

Another unusual one is one I believe to be a **Utica** contract knife is one that the tang on the master is double-stamped. The top (last) stamping says **Colonial Providence, R.I.** and below (under) that I can make out "**Shapleigh St. Louis**". I'm sure the knife is legit, too, as it is nearly mint and shows no sign of being repaired. That's a thought for another article, too - honest repair work versus out and out forgin', and counterfeitin' and where the line oughta be drawn.

I do some buyin', sellin', and tradin', but I have yet to find the ambition to put together a list. Any body that wants to get in touch with me can do so at the above address, or call me at 913-647-7111 evenings. Send me your want list and maybe I can help you as I know a few people around the country.

In closing, I'll leave you with my old Pappy's thought;

"The essence of a perfect trade, I mean the PERFECT trade, was when both parties came away from it feeling that they'd screwed the other guy."

Eric Espegren

SCOUT KNIFE WANTS

Remington Scout and Utility knives: RS3333 with Acorn Shield. R963, R3863, R4723, R3843. Also the Red, White, and Blue Handled Knives. I will trade other Remingtons and will pay cash. Mint to near mint only. Jim Pitblado, 306 Euclid, Long Beach, CA 90814, or call collect (310)438-8678

All Metal Utility Knives, the (MIL-K Knives.) Blades dated 1959,1960, 1963,1964, 1969,1976,1985 and 1987 all made by Camillus. 1948 made by Ulster. Any dates made by Imperial. I will trade. Frank Trzaska, 1326 Puritan Ave., Woodbury, NJ 08096-1032

Campfire Girl Scout Knife with the "WoHeLo" Shield. The Remington 1923 Scout Knife Box. Ulster Scout Yachtsman's Knife. And a few others. I also would like to have an Official Boy Scout Campaign or "Smoky" Hat. I will trade. F. Vacca, 1825 Harvey, Colby, KS 67701 (913)462-3465

Kingston knife with B.S.A. logo etched on blade made in 1945. Ulster USA, round shield 3 3/4" stag handle five-blade deluxe, no belt shackle # 1046, made from 1976 to 1979. Same Ulster as above but with ivory handle made from 1980 to 1981. Any pearl handle B.S.A. knife (New York Knife Co., or Ulster, or Camillus Cutlery Co.) Richard Ahrens, 449 Allegheny Dr., York, PA 17402 (717) 741-3471

"For Sale or Trade" Items next month. Send me your items you want to put in the newsletter.

FUTURE LOOKS GOOD!

Future looks good for scout knife articles, as I just received a lot of articles and stories from Dennis Ellingsen. They go back a few years and most new collectors probably haven't read them. They were published in the knife magazines. He said I can use them in later issues. They would really be nice as a reference guide, or to answer questions.

KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR COLLECTION

When your collection gets to be large, say 300 to 400 knives, it becomes a big task to keep track of all of them. What system do you use? I like to use file cards. I use a 3" x 5" card with all the information I want to keep noted on the card. I make duplicate cards and file one by number, and one by manufacturer. I number each knife with a small dot, about 1/8" and stick it on the bolster. I use different colored dots to represent Remington, Colonial, and others. Then on the side or handle, I use a small white label about 1/2" x 3/4" to note something about the knife in 3 or 4 small lines. In this way, if I see a knife in my collection and need to find out about it, I first look at the number and find it in the number file quickly. If I'm at a show and I want to know if I have a particular knife, I can look in the manufacturer file under Remington, Boker, of whatever. I also use a different colored card with a few revisions to record straight knives, and a third color to record miscellaneous items such as boxes, stones, or related scout items. I can send a copy of the card to you if you want one. I'll try to make a copy of one below. I know it would be nice to have them in a computer program, but I hate to log all that information in the computer. What system do you use?

SIGNED-UP ONE MORE, A BIG ONE!

Utility and Scout knife expert, **Dennis Ellingsen**, has also become "one of us". Dennis has written many articles for all the knife publications on Utility, Scout, and Character knives. We are certainly glad to have him on board. Dennis is from Oregon. I will try to get him to write an article for us from time to time. Hopefully he will be able to answer some questions for us "beginning collectors".

Also have **Richard Ahrens** from **York, PA** new with us this month. Another new state. Welcome Richard!

Oregon Knife Show

Mark **April 1-2, 1995** on your calendar. This is the date for the **Oregon Knife Show**. It is the largest cutlery show West of the Mississippi River. Dennis Ellingsen tells me that this is their 20th show. There will be several scout displays there, including **Ed Holbrook** with his display of official scout knives. **Cindy Taylor** will be there, along with many other notable collectors I'm sure. I know that is a long way for some of you guys on the east coast, but plenty of time to plan ahead.

Correction. In last month's issue, I mentioned that Jim and Cindy Taylor were from MA, which I called Maine. Of course, you all know this is Massachusetts. Sorry about that.

No.	23		
Mfg. by	REMINGTON	Approx. Years	1927 - 1930
Blade Markings	REM-UMC Made in U.S.A. (in circle)		
	RS333 (On back of main blade)		
4 Blades	Utility	Pattern	Yes
Bone	Handles	Brown	Color
		Yes	Bail
		3 3/4"	Size
		\$	125.00
			Cost
Purchased	6 10 1 '92	at	Denver Show
		from	Jim Jones
Condition	Near Mint. Blades Never Sharpened. Small Pin Crack in One Side of Handle. About 99%.		
Remarks	This is a real nice one. Hard to find in this condition. Also, as a bonus, it comes with a Mint Original Box.		
Value \$	250.00	References	Levine's Book. Page 678. 3rd Edition.
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This card is made-up, of course, but really works well for my collection.



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Meet Collector

JOE HUGHES

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"I also like to collect canoe patterns, but my first love are those official scout knives!"

Fellow collectors, My name is **Joe Hughes** and I have been collecting scout knives (official) since 1989. My introduction was through Levine's Guide and a chance attending of an N.C.C.A. Club Show in Marlborough, MA where I live. I guess from there I knew I would enjoy collecting and displaying my knives. (Like you, I still haven't found the best way to display them). I also like to collect canoe patterns, but my first love are those official scout knives! I am a life member (#124) of the **N.C.C.A. (Northeast Cutlery Collectors Association)**.

Good luck with the **Newsletter** endeavor, you have my support in whatever way needed. **Joe**

HOW ABOUT YOU?

How about your story, or a little about yourself? Send me a short story about you and your collection. What you collect; how you got started; or any thing you want to tell about yourself. I will use it in a future issue.

If you're tired hearing about my travels and collections, send me something that you wish to share with all of the scout collectors receiving this **newsletter**. I would welcome comments, suggestions, or anything you wish to send. I can use pictures now. They can be scanned in and hopefully turn out O.K. I will be waiting to hear from you.

IT WORKS!

Last month I submitted four or five items for the **"wanted"** column. I located two of them real quick.

So, even though we are but a few members, it didn't take long to find two items I have been looking for. If you have something **"for sale"** or want a particular knife, send it to me to place in the **Newsletter**. Won't cost you a dime.

Nebraska Flea Market

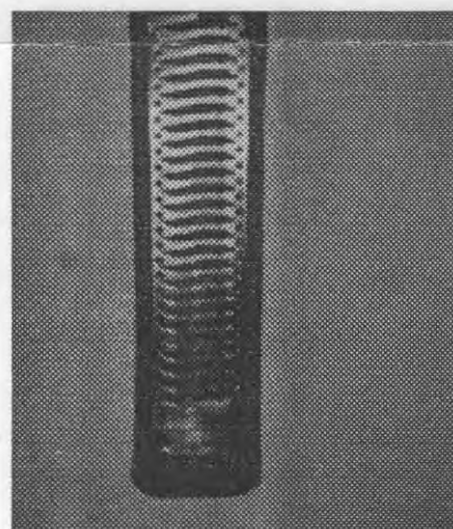
I went to the annual flea market/craft show in Lexington, Nebraska over Labor Day weekend. It is a large 3-day affair with a lot of tables both in and out-of-doors. I found an almost mint **Dick Tracy/B.O. Plenty** character knife that I purchased worth the money. I also found something interesting. Not related to knives, but something I can resell on my table at the shows.

I found a **3-piece salesman sample of a "2-man saw" blades**. The samples are about 8 inches square and have etching on them. They have three different examples of "tooth" patterns available. They came in a canvas and leather case that is almost gone from age and wear. The leather trim of the case laid over the blades over the years and corroded the metal a little. What a piece of history for some tool collector. I like to buy things like this. Even if it doesn't sell, it will **stop** almost every man that goes by your table to check it out. However, sometime you get more information or conversation than you wanted.

TALK ABOUT ATTENTION GETTERS!

A while back, I purchased some "stamped out" blade sheets. You have seen them advertised I know. They are what is left over after **Parker-Edwards** stamped out Damascus blades. They vary in size, but usually about 4 to 5

inches wide, by 15-17 inches long. Just lay them out on the front of your table, and wait. I sold all I had, but I kept one and mounted it on a board with red felt on it. I placed one of the **Parker-Edwards** knives, with the same Damascus blade, on a shelf below it. I have it hanging in my "knife" room. Makes a great decoration.



Four New Names for Your List

Say Hello to:

Don Bricker

453 6th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
(Some Scout, Marbles Knives)

Terry Rushbrook

60 King Philip Dr.
Longmeadow, MA 01106
(Scout Knives and Equipment)

J. C. Joiner

R. R. 2 Box 84A
Leonard, TX 75452
(Advanced Scout Knife Collector)

Willis H. McClure

1212 Carlos
Wichita, KS 67203
(Interested in Scout Knives)

Q. & A. Questions and Answers

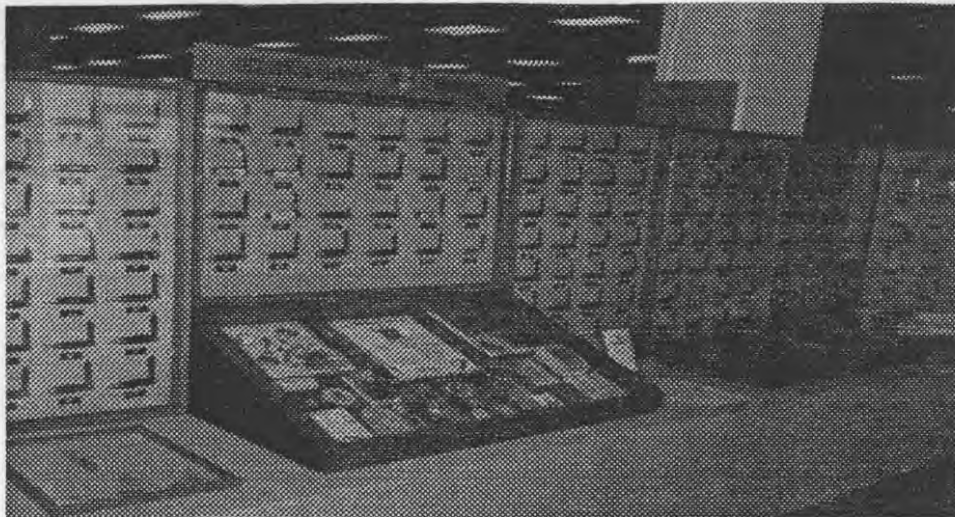
1. What company was the first official manufacturer of Boy Scout knives?
2. The first official Scout knife made by Remington using the acorn shield was around _____.
3. The official Campfire Girls knife shield has on it, Wo-He-Lo, which stands for?

Answers found at the end of the Newsletter.

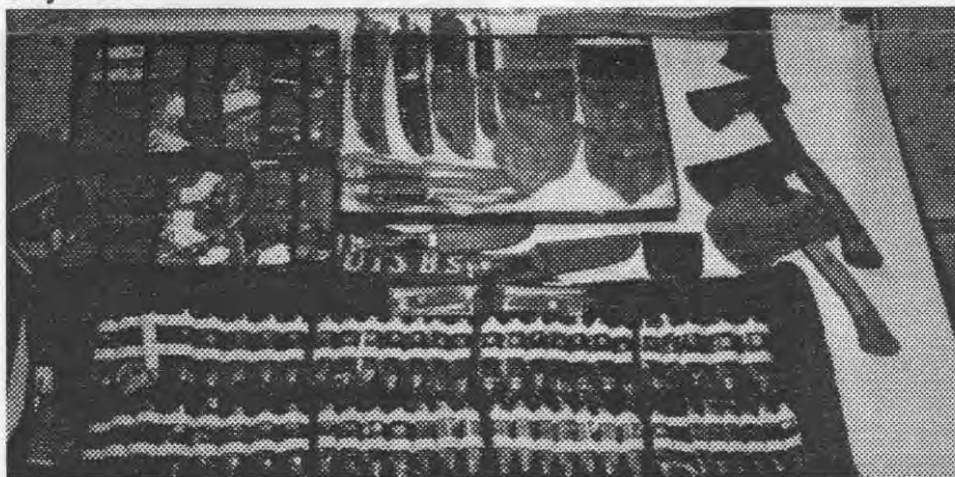
SCOUT KNIFE WANTS

Boy Scout: New York, Remington, L. F. & C., any style. **Cub Scout:** Camillus white handles, Imperial blue or black handles. **Girl Scout:** Any bone or pearl handle. **Campfire:** any. **Brownie:** Utica brown plastic. Wayne King, 2640 Krista Court, Blue Springs, MO 64015-3350

FOR SALE: KA-BAR # 1553 Official Scout sheath Knife. 5" blade, faint B.S. etch on blade. Few scratches on blade looks unsharpened. Excellent. Sheath is official with B.S. emblem. Scratched and stained a little, but O.K. A hard one to find \$200. (EMPIRE WINSTED CT.) Scout knife all stainless 4-blade 3" long with 3" ruler on side. Has etch on blade and



J. C. Joiner's Scout Knife Display at the N.K.C.A. Show in Springfield, MO., July 8-10



Display of Knives and Scout Items from the Terry Rushbrook Collection

bail. Excellent Plus. A very hard one to find \$225. (See American Blade Collectors Ass'n., ANTIQUÉ KNIVES by Voyles, Page 192) Sell both for \$400. F. Vacca (913)462-3465.

What do you know about Track Knives?

I'm looking for information about **Track Knives**. I believe they were made to go along with **Itacha Gun Co.**, somehow. I have a case for them and a chance to purchase some knives. Does anyone know anything about them? F. Vacca, 1825 Harvey, Colby, KS 67701

At left, represents where Scout Knife Collectors (that I have heard from) are located in the country. Kind of slim out West isn't it...I will have to work on that.

Hope to hear from you, until next month. Frank

Answers:

1. The New York Knife Co.
2. 1924
3. Work-Health-Love

"Questions and answers taken from **Knife World** and **American Blade** articles written by Dennis Ellingsen





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FRANK TRZASKA

Woodbury, New Jersey

Fellow collectors, my name is **Frank Trzaska** and I have been collecting knives for about 15 years. My main interest is in military knives.

As of this date, I have 125 different MK-2's.

It started with a fixed blade **MK-2 Kabar** given to me as a hunting knife. Wearing it around a hunting camp drew many stories from the men who were issued one. So, I set out on my quest to find one of every known blade marking. As of this date, I have 125 different MK-2's. Originals, reproductions, fakes, commemoratives, fieldmade, etc. As finding new pieces for my collection became harder, I found myself leaving shows with nothing! So, I started to pick up G. I. pocket knives (MIL-K). They seemed to be everywhere and cheap, or so I thought. Now My quest takes me in another direction, opening every MIL-K to check for dates and manufacturer. Along the way I have made many fine friends, some of which I have never met in person. Letters, phone calls, fakes, etc. Keeps me going for that new one I don't yet own or have never heard of.

Keep up the fine job with the newsletter and if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Frank Trzaska

Novelty Knife Company

Novelty Knife Company of Canton, Ohio, was a producer of cheaply made advertising knives with transparent handles covering photographic pictures.

They produced such a knife officially for the Boy Scouts in limited quantities in the 1920s. These knives are extremely rare because they clouded and deteriorated rapidly.

New Information on the Western Fishing Scout Knife

Introducing Ed Holbrook, advanced Scout Knife Collector

Dear Frank:

I received a copy of your **Lone Scout** publication from a good friend of mine, **Dennis Ellingsen**. I would like to know how to sign up. To introduce myself, I've been involved in Scouting for over thirty years. I am a Silver Beaver award winner as well as a vigil member of the Order of The Arrow. I started collecting Official Scout Knives, axes and sheath knives about twelve years ago. I display my collection at Scouting events as well as at the Oregon Knife Collectors Association annual show. The name of my display is "**Official Scout Blades**". I also collect Cub Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire and the occasional foreign Official Scout knives.

After reading the first volume of your publication, I feel I might be able to add a few things. The Long Scout program is still in existence. When it was introduced, it was known as the Lone Scouts of America (L.S.A.). In the 1930's, the name became the Lone Scout Division (L.S.D.). I would think that using the name in a positive light and not for financial gain would be acceptable.

Also in Vol. #1, you wrote about a **Western fish knife**. This knife was available from 1972-74. The knife has two blades, a clip blade and a combination fish scaler, hook dislogger and caplifter. On the yellow handle was a shaping stone and a hook straightener. The B.S.A. catalog number was 1372. This particular catalog number is interesting because it was used in the 1930's for the Vaughn and Bushnell felling axe, and later in 1987 for the lockback folder made by Kershaw. It may be other catalog numbers have been shared by more than one item. The catalog lists the knife as 3 1/4 inches long. My knife is mint and measures 4 1/4 inches. I believe the catalog is in error, otherwise the knife would be too small to fit the sheath.

A name in your publication brought back fond memories, that of **J. C. Joiner**. J. C., Dennis and I displayed our collections at the 1990 Oregon Knife Show. There were seven eight foot tables back to back of scout knives. **That's over 56 feet of knives. It was something to see, and something I was proud to be a part of.**

That's all for now. Keep up the interest.

Yours in Scouting and Collecting

Ed Holbrook

I want to thank Ed for this valuable information on the 1372, and welcome him into our small group of Scout Knife Collectors.



At left is a picture of my Western Fishing Official Scout Knife. It is as described above with official box and sheath. Knife is not marked with any scout emblems or numbers. Sheath has the official seal, and box has many official markings. It is 4 1/4 inches long. Back of tang says 751 stainless. Box is red, white, and black with box ends marked: No. 1372 FISHING KNIFE with sheath.

FOR SALE

I have the following Remington Scout Knives For Sale:

4383 three-blade with full etch and long screw driver in near mint condition.

Unmarked 1920-1924 four-blade Remington Scout with Federal Shield. Some etch, excellent condition.

Jim Pitblado, 306 Euclid, Long Beach, CA 90814. Phone (310)438-8678

BOY SCOUT STAMP

Here is something that is really neat. It is the **1950 Boy Scout stamp**. It comes in a nice frame with brass around the edges. There is a limited edition of only 10,000 made. It is a reproduction of the original 3-cent stamp that came out in 1950. On the back is a little history of the Boy Scout movement. Comes with a plastic stand that the frame sits on for display. Also available with the Girl Scout stamp of 1987. They are about 2 3/4 inches by 2 1/2 inches. They are individually numbered. About \$20 postpaid.



Back Side:

BOY SCOUTS

Issued June 30, 1950

Starting a camp for 20 boys in 1907, a British Army officer Robert Baden-Powell founded a Boy Scout movement that has expanded today into nearly 120 countries. A motto, Be prepared, is the foundation upon which boys ages 7 - 20 learn to develop their skills and to be good citizens and leaders. The training caught on early. In 1909 a British Boy Scout aided an American businessman who was lost in a London fog. He was William D. Boyce who then helped found the Boy Scouts of America. (BSA) in 1910. Today over 130,000 groups exist in America, with a National Council that oversees the entire movement. The Boy Scouts of Canada is similar, with roughly 300,000 participants. A World Scout Conference unifies goals. A World Scout Bureau promotes scouting worldwide and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.



Here is one that is a little hard to find. I think it dates back to about 1939? Has the official stamped (double stamped) axe made by Plumb. Sheath knife is nine inches long, with a five inch blade. Blade has "Boy Scout" marked in the usual place, but no other marks. It has been buffed, and could have been buffed off? Sheath has two official button/snaps. Handle is leather washer with aluminum spacers and aluminum end cap. I have seen them advertised in "Boy's Life" as late as the fifties, but were made by Western and a little different. Does anyone know anything for sure about this one?

Meet Collector

TOM BUFFENBARGER

Dear Frank:

I have been collecting knives as long as I can remember. My interest in scout/utility knives began with my first early model Swiss Army knife given to me by my father. I now have a fairly extensive collection of scout/utility knives compiled over about a 30 year period. My particular favorite knives are the **Cattaraugus "Whit-L-Kraft"** and **New York Knife (Hammer Brand) "Army Knife"** models.

Since 1988 I have concentrated on custom made scout/utility version of my own design. The design carries two cutting blades, punch/awl and a combination screwdriver/can opener/wire cutting-stripping blade. The design continues to evolve as I gain more experience with it.

I greatly appreciate the initiative you took Frank, to give scout/utility collectors a forum dedicated to the most useful tools one can own and enjoy.

Sincerely
Tom Buffenbarger

CAN OPENER IS KEY

The major key to **Remington utility knife** history is in the development of the can opener. One piece can opener (pre 1924). The two piece stamped Remington (pre 1927). The two piece can opener stamped Remington Pat. No. 1635649 (pre 1933). And the two piece can opener with no stamping (pre 1939).

Taken from a **KNIFE WORLD** article written by **Dennis Ellingsen**, June 1981.

Once again, say hello to:

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Meet Collector

GEORGE L. FORSYTH

Williamsburg, VA

My first scout knife was issued to me as a cub scout in 1958. It was a **Camillus** with dull edges. I gave it to a young friend recently and she was thrilled, broken handles and black blades not withstanding.

My dad got me a really good boy scout knife with many blades and gadgets, five dollars at the time (1958).

"---and it came loose and was lost in a field, where it probably still rusts thirty-six years later."

Unfortunately, I was so proud of it that on our first official cub scout outing I carried it on a belt clip outside my scout trousers pocket, and it came loose and was lost in a field, where it probably still rusts thirty-six years later.

I collect a little of everything - books, old tools, miscellaneous antique gizmos, keys, and I build finely detailed plastic scale models. There is certainly no shortage of antique shops in Williamsburg!

Enclosed are two drawings of odd ball knives in my collection. The handmade razor is cute, but the "pig sticker" has baffled all collectors I have shown it to. Have you ever seen such an animal?

Best luck to you and our scout knife collector's club.

Yours Truly,
George Forsyth

See drawing of knife on back side.

If you can help George out on this one, let me know and I'll pass it on to him.

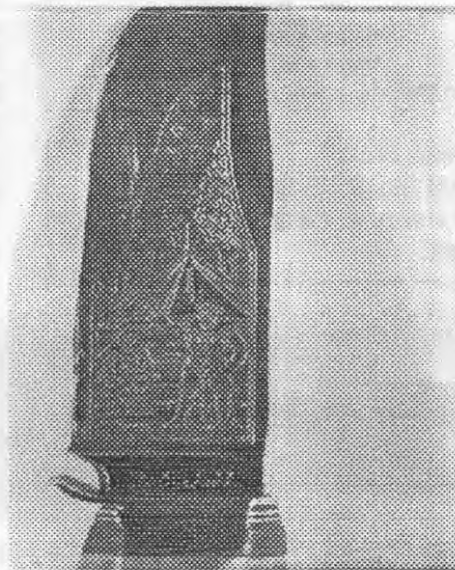
A Little Something Extra

It is always fun to collect related knives or objects that will fit in with your scout knife collection. After you have collected for a while or have most of the common stuff, you start looking for something else to enhance your collection. I like to pick up scout related knives, or that have "**scout**" or something similar on them. Here are two sheath knives that will fit into that category nicely.

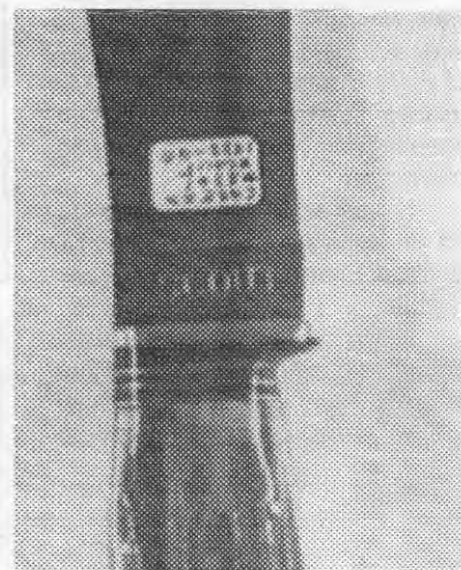
The first is a cheap horn handle made in Germany by the **G. C. Company**. It has a real nice scout scene "etched" or embossed on the blade. Shows two scouts by their tent camping out. I imagine there are a lot of these out there, but taking the time to turn each one over and look at the blade is what you have to do to find one. Also, if the knife has been used much the etching is gone or so faint you can't make it out.

The second knife is a different story. It is a **Case tested XX # 5361**. Around 1932-40, I believe. (See **Sargent's Book #3 Page 235**) It is one of the many **Case** sheath knives and in pretty good shape. It has a stag handle and red, black and brass spacers. As you can see it has "**SCOUT**" deeply etched in the usual spot. I don't know the significance of this, or what it means. Maybe for Indian or Army scouts? (I'm sure some of you can tell us.) **Sargent** lists it for around \$200 in mint condition.

A couple more items, one I just purchased at a show last weekend. I said I was going to quit buying "scout" items, because there is no end to them. However, I still have a collection of small items that I intend to put with my knife display (that I haven't set-up yet). Anyway, I had the 2 1/2 bar badge (**senior patrol leader**), and found the 3 bar badge (**junior ass't. scout master**) last weekend. For you non-scouters, the badges are gold color with the bars painted light green in color. The senior patrol leader badge was mine in the early 1950's. The 3 bar is in the 1943 scout manual, but not in the 1948. Wondering when it was taken out of service? An old "**Scout Memorabilia**" book list them for about \$22-25 each, so some of this stuff has some real value. Seems like every gun or craft show I attend, there are some scout items for sale. Might be worth while to start checking them out. Is there a recent or new book out on Scout Memorabilia values?



G. C. Co. Germany



Case XX 5361 Scout

Meet Collector

William F. Harney

Minot, ND

Fellow Collectors:

My name is **Bill Harney** and I collect old folding knives of all patterns and makers. As for scout and utility knives, there is a great assortment out there.

I have one boy scout knife, by a **German** maker not listed in **Levine's** book number two or three. Maybe one of you can help me out on this one. It is a scout utility knife with each blade marked (**R FRUEND GERMANY**), and has a **Boy Scout** shield.

Recently at a flea market dealers junk box, I found a **Remington RS3333** in real bad shape, what a shame.

Really enjoy the **Lone Scout**.
Sincerely,
Bill Harney

Keep the articles coming

I received some nice articles this month and I really appreciate them, Keep them coming.

Ed Holbrook wrote and sent me many articles he has written over the years about scouting and scout memorabilia. Seems he wrote on a regular basis for "**Scout Memorabilia**" magazine on all aspects of scout knives and equipment. On my **Kit Karson Kit**, he says: "These were made from about 1940-1984 when the sheath knife was discontinued. There are only two official sheath knives with 5" blades- the **Ka-Bar** and **Western**. Most Ka-Bars used a blade etching official scout etc. But some Western had "official Boy Scouts of America" stamped on the tang, and no manufacturer. The Western also had a blood groove."

I also heard from **Joe Hughes II**, who offered to send me the articles by **Ed Holbrook** that he has saved. How about that.

I also appreciate the small articles about all of you out there, I feel that this is a real good way to get to know each other. And thanks for the stamps!

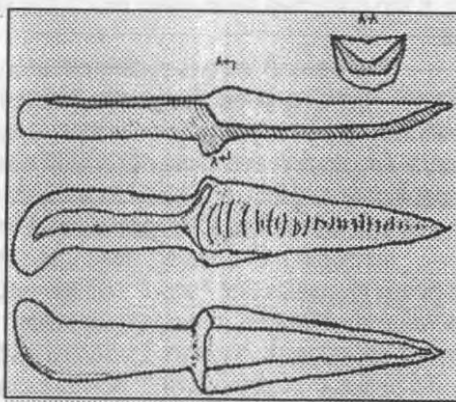
Frank

Probably most of you have read this article, but I thought it was worth repeating. Written by **Bob Cargill**, president of **NKCA November 1994**, **National Knife Magazine**.

Boy's Life Magazine

I don't know how many of you are involved with the Boy Scouts, but I have some news that you should know about their magazine, and I think you should voice your opinion to them. The **NKCA** contacted the publication inquiring about advertising space and rates in order to advertise the **NKCA**—i.e., with the "3 FREE!" ad that is currently running in a number of other publications. I was shocked to find out that they would not accept our advertising because of the nature of the material.

Boy Scouts and pocketknives have been together since "Day One." How does a Scout go camping without a knife, a hatchet, etc.? Our Youth program is very strong and we are teaching our young members the fun of collecting. The best "point" of our efforts toward the youth is that they are learning to respect knives and treat them as tools, and not weapons. One of the biggest problems facing America today is the fact that our children have lost the respect for not only knives, but for guns as well. And if our "fathers" continue to ignore the problem and refuse to teach our children both the benefits and the dangers of these items, we are in for big trouble in this country. If you are into Scouting, please let your people know what is happening.



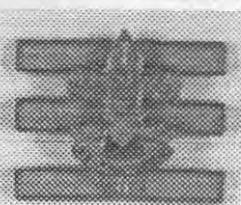
Drawing of George Forsyth's knife.
Cast Iron (19th Century?) Hog Slaughtering? Albemarle Co., VA. ????

*The life of a scout is bold,
so bold,
His adventures have never been told,
been told.
His legs they are bare,
And he won't take a dare,
The life of a scout is bold.*

Taken From:
TOM SLADE'S DOUBLE DARE
By Percy K. Fitzhugh
1922



Senior Patrol Leader



Jr. Ass't. Scout Master

Knife Show in Denver

I just talked to **Tom Gilroy**, president of the **Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors Club of Denver**. He said there will be a Knife Show in Denver again this year on **January 28-29**. It will be like last year and held in conjunction with the Antique and Flea Market Show in the same building. It is a huge show and a good one to bring everyone along as there is something for everyone. Last year the Knife Show was set-up in the front entrance room, and everyone had to pass by to get into the Antique Show. It was a great show and a lot of fun. I will try to be there again this year, as I really enjoyed it. For more information or a flyer, call **Tom** at **303-426-9004**.

Also, don't forget the **NKCA** sponsored show in **Springfield, Mo.** It will be in July again this year, on the 7-8-9. Need to register early at the Holiday Inn to get the "cheap" rooms. Last year I waited too long and had to stay about 5 miles away. I plan to set-up a table at that one also.

Hope you have a happy holiday, and don't eat too much turkey. We used to all go to Grandmas for Thanksgiving, now the kids all are coming to our house. Sure makes me feel old!





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Meet Collector

JIM RINES

Ctr. Ossipee, NH

My name is **Jim Rines**. I have been what I would call a knife "accumulator" since I was about 8 years old, but I have been a knife "collector" only since the spring of 1988.

I first started collecting old mint knives, preferably with bone handles. As you might guess, this hap-hazard, non-defined hobby was quick to spend what resources I had, so I soon realized I needed a specialty.

"With the purchase of this knife I was hooked. I new I had to collect Official Boy Scout Knives".

When I went to my next knife show, which was the NCCA one-day show in Boxborough, MA, I purchased a **RS 4773** mint, from **Cindy Rabb** (now **Cindy Taylor**). With the purchase of this knife I was hooked. I new I had to collect official Boy Scout Knives.

This was a natural transition for me since I was an assistant Scout Master for our local troop at the time and had progressed to the rank of "Star" scout, working on "Life" scout when I was a boy. (The last merit badge I received was my drivers license from the State of New Hampshire, which promptly ended my scouting career!)

These Official Scout Knives were wonderful, but I soon realized that there were Official Girl Scout Knives as well. The Official Girl Scout Knives led to Official Camp Fire Girl Knives and Official Cub Scout Knives.

I am now what you might call an "advanced" collector. With about 100 Official Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Camp Fire Girl knives in my collection. (Continued on back side)

Important Scout Artifact Found

Robert Baden-Powell Scout Presentation Knife

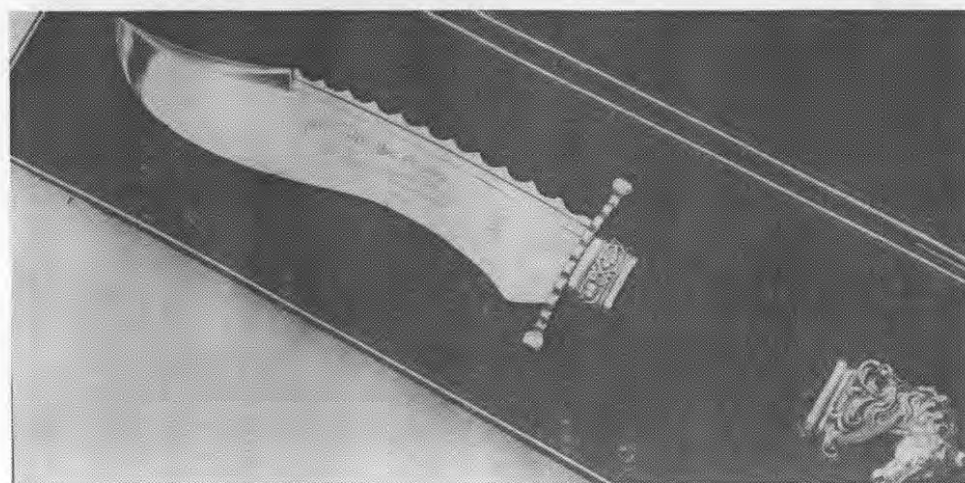
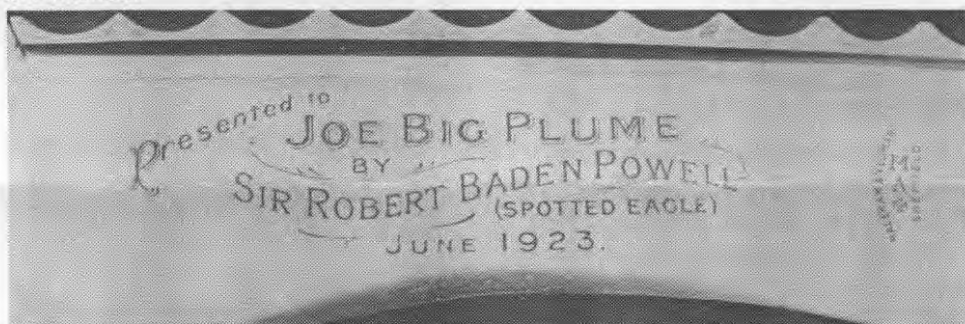
Jim and Cindy Taylor has given permission to the **Lone Scout** to be the first publication to publish photographs of this important scout artifact. This presentation Bowie Knife should be of enormous interest to both knife collectors and collectors of scouting memorabilia.

Jim said while he is deeply involved in researching the knife, he thought that we would enjoy getting the first look at it.

The knife is 15 1/8" long, with an 8 5/8" blade. It has a fancy scalloped full guard, decorative ferrule with oak leaves and acorns. Handle is one-piece buffalo horn surmounted with Sheffield's famous horsehead pommel. Made by Maleham and Yeomans of Sheffield.

The fancy shape of the blade is typical of presentation Bowie Knives. The real "killer" of this knife is the etch. It reads: **"Presented to Joe Big Plume by Sir Robert Baden-Powell (Spotted Eagle) June 1923"** To date, all Jim can find out about the knife is that Joe Big Plume was allegedly a Canadian Indian Chief of the Sarcee tribe. He is presently awaiting a reply from Scouts Canada, who have promised to assist in his research.

Jim and Cindy would like any information that anyone may know about this knife and very important event in scouting history. The knife is boxed in its original velvet lined presentation case, and no...the knife is not for sale...well, not yet anyway. **NOTE: Robert Baden Powell** started the first Boy Scout Camp for boys in England in 1907. In 1908 he published the first Boy Scout handbook, **"Scouting for Boys"**. In 1909 **William D. Boyce**, a publisher from America, met with Powell in London, England and discussed scouting. February 8, 1910 William Boyce started Scouting in America.



(Rines, continued from front side)

The ones I am missing are either very rare or very new.

I do not have a **Marble's sport pattern** fixed blade Boy Scout knife. I do not have any of the **pearl handled** Official knives by **Remington, Ulster, or New York Knife Co.** I need the **3-blade Cattaragus "Whittle Craft"** and the **Jr. signed 4-blade LF&C.** I also need the **Ulster 2-blade # 1504.** There are others, which are more common and which I have been waiting for excellent to near mint examples.

This is not to say I have a complete set, simply that finding ones that I do not have is becoming more difficult at any price. I would love to hear from anyone who may have any of the knives I have listed, or from anyone with any mint official knives.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your efforts in promoting this hobby. I am submitting an Official Girl Scout Knife article I wrote to **Knife World** to see if they will run it. If it is run, I would love to hear from anyone regarding the information contained in the article.

Thanks again, and keep up the good work. I look forward to receiving my copy of your mailing every month.

Sincerely,

Jim Rines

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How Many of These Have You Seen?

Talk about a **rare** one, how many knives have you seen with **two shields**? If you didn't know, you might say "Boy, somebody sure messed up that nice Remington, they stuck on another shield". Well, look again, it's the Remington Scout knife that was awarded to a scout that earned the **Honor Medal for Heroism.** He was presented this special knife along with his medal. It is pictured here alongside the medal. Kind of hard to see, but it is in the collection of **Ed Holbrook.** He sent me some pictures of his collection of Scout Knives and Scout Memorabilia. Will show more of them in a later issue.

It is a Remington 3 3/4 inch with acorn shields. Bottom shield engraved: **"The Remington Award for Heroism".** It was awarded from **1924 to 1937.**

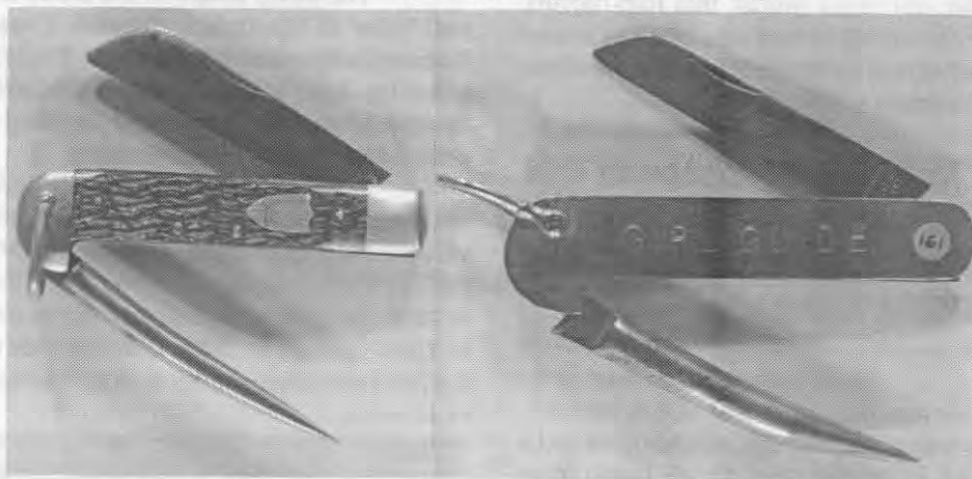
Ulster Sea Scout #1128, 1936-1940

For many years the **Ulster Sea Scout** knife has alluded a place in my collection. Finally, after asking for one in the **Lone Scout,** I now have one. Listed at **\$600** in mint condition, it is not a purchase you make everyday. Most advanced collectors have the Sea Scout, but I'll bet they found one while the price was still low.

As I hold this large 4 inch knife, I wonder where it has been for the past 58 years? How many owners has it had? How many times has it been sold or traded? I suppose not many were made, or the uniqueness of design makes it so valuable. The Sea Scout knife is like the Remington 1920's box, I see a lot of them in collections, but never see one for sale.

This knife was only made from 1936 to 1940. It has two different blades. A sheepsfoot blade, and a Marlin spike. Rare combination of blades? No. I have another "scout" knife with the same combination. Believe it or not. It was made in England by Sheffield, with **"Bukta"** deep struck in the blade. Also, deep struck on the handle is **"GIRL GUIDE"**. As you can see below, it also has a spike like the Ulster Sea Scout. I couldn't find much information on this knife. I'll bet **Jim Taylor** (from England) could tell us about this one? It is 3 1/4 inches long and all steel construction. **"Bukta"** is listed in **Goins'** page 29, but no information available. I guess this knife would fall under the "something extra" category I mentioned last month.

Anyway, I still have three or four more of the rare ones to find, so I'll be asking again later for more help in locating them. Maybe **Santa** will help.



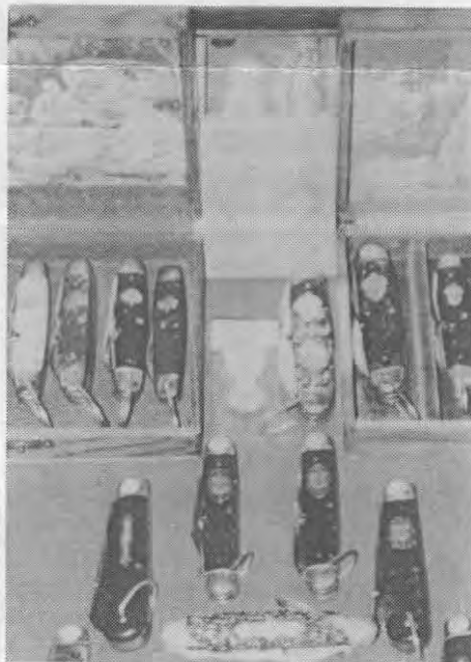
Ulster Sea Scout #1128

Girl Guide - Sheffield, England

Merry Christmas To All

Well, that's about all for this year. I wish each and every one of you a **Very Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year.** I hope Santa brings you that special knife you have been wanting. Hope to see you in **Denver** in **January,** and in **Springfield** in **July.**

Frank





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OFFICIAL SCOUT KNIVES

The Companies that Made Them

Written by Dennis Ellingsen for **KNIFE**
WORLD, 1988

Landers Frary & Clark (Universal)
New Britain, CT

L.F and C started making the Official BSA Knife in 1930. The knives were only offered until 1940 when the company discontinued its cutlery division as a result of WWII. I am under the impression that L.F & C's were not extremely popular compared to Ulsters and Remingtons. The Official Shield assigned was distinctive, and the handles were of a "perfected" stag, unique to L.F & C. It was a type of celluloid handled material made of powdered stag blended with an acetate binding. The Official knives came in two, three, and four blade variations and are somewhat difficult for collectors to find.



Other knife companies will be featured each month, or when the space is available.

ORIGINAL ART WORK DISCOVERED!

Sounds pretty good doesn't it... But I had to do something spectacular to follow-up last month's story on the presentation knife by **Jim Taylor**.

Actually, I did discover some original art work. It was framed behind a picture I purchased a few years ago in a flea market. The picture I purchased is a nice framed page of a magazine ad that came out in 1912. It is entitled "**The Kodak Scouts**" and on the top of the page is printed: "**IV THE YOUTH'S COMPANION FOR ALL THE FAMILY MAY 30, 1912.**" It is a picture of two boys with their Kodak camera at a lake taking pictures. What caught my eye when I purchased the picture, was the wording in the lower left hand corner. **[If you are a Boy Scout or are interested in the Boy Scouts write us for a free copy of "proof positive" a live Kodak story of English Boy Scouts.]** The ad is 11 1/4" by 16 1/4" and in full color.

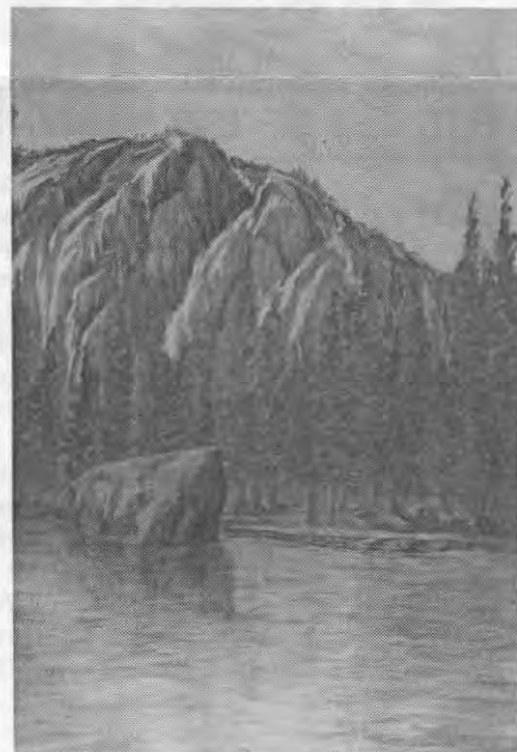
This has to be an early ad by Eastman Kodak Company trying to sell their cameras, and plugging the Boy Scout movement which was only a few years old at the time.

Now, back to the original art work... When I bought the picture I could see about 1/4" all around the edge behind the camera ad. It was smaller than the frame and you could see bright colors all along the back of the ad. It was framed professionally with brown paper and tape, so I didn't want to disturb the frame. But, I was always curious to what was behind the ad? I didn't bother the ad for six or seven years, but finally, the paper got damp from hanging in my basement and started to peel off. So, I took the picture apart. When I took the paper off I saw written in pencil: **"Original-Lucy Crane Brown 1947 Fort Myers Beach, Fla."** When I turned over the print, it was a charcoal drawing of **-Mirror Lake-**, and signed by the artist **L C Brown -1947-**. I don't know anything about Mirror Lake or Lucy Brown, however, it is a nice drawing of a lake with mountains and trees in the background. Maybe L C Brown is a famous artist and the print is worth \$\$\$\$. Who knows? Guess I will re-frame it and place it back the way it was. Maybe years from now someone else will discover an original art work.



The Kodak Scouts

There's no outside fun like it can become more fun for the you & your kids... shooting, fishing, swimming, boating, golfing and basketball - and other games that are played most home, either in another country or province. It's fun to take - and then there is the interesting fact of finding the perfect one above all the pictures of yourselves from that vacation day away.



OFFICIAL SCOUT
SHEATH KNIVES
1933-1984
by Ed Holbrook

Reprinted from
SCOUT MEMORABILIA, March, 1992

The first official sheath knives were introduced in 1933 by Remington and Marbles Arms Co. Both companies made two Boy Scout sheath knives and one for the Girl Scouts.

In the late 1940's, a sheath knife was made of the sport pattern with the *Mohawk* tang stamp. This knife was made for Marbles by Ka-Bar. The sheath had a large BSA stamp with the Marbles snap. Ka-Bar Cutlery Company started making official sheath knives in 1937: three patterns with two variations of the Mariner knife called the *Voyager*.

Pal Blade Company, after buying out Remington in 1939, made two official sheath knives using the same pattern numbers. Their large knife had an aluminum pommel (end cap) that was later replaced with wood.

Western States made the greatest number of variations of official sheath knives with six models. They started in 1948 and these early knives had leather washer handles. The last two models had *delrin*, or simulated stag handles. One model, offered by Western in the 1940's, had a black and white laminated bakelite handle. The last official sheath knife was made by Camillus in 1980. This knife was discontinued in 1984, giving way to the safer folding lock-back knives.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

This month's featured knife is a Utility knife made by **Imperial**. It is a regular 3 3/4" four-blade knife. It is all stainless and has the usual combination of blades found in regular utility knives. Three of the four blades are marked "stainless U.S.A." The main blade is marked **Imperial** (with crown), and stainless U.S.A.

It must have been made for a druggist, or for a drug firm to distribute to their pharmacists. It is deeply engraved on both sides with pharmacist's emblems and marks. It was purchased in 1990 at a Wichita Gun Show, and is in excellent condition. (Pictured at right)

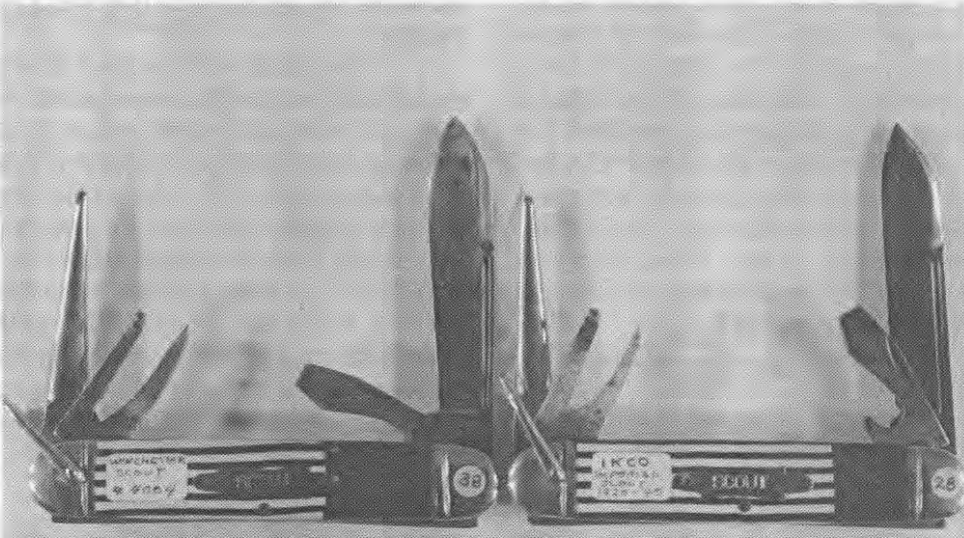
Yipes, I've Been Taken!

Have you ever been taken? Or, how many times have you been taken? I'm sure most of us have, especially when first starting out to collect knives. Here is one I bought a few years back.

Most beginning collectors jump at the name "**Winchester**" or "**Remington**," because they are usually quality knives that command a higher price. When someone said, "**Yes, I have a Winchester Scout**," I really perked up. There it was, red, white, and blue handles with the "**SCOUT**" shield. It was stamped "**Winchester Trade Mark**" on the tang, and **4004** on the back. I never heard of or saw one, so I looked up the number 4004 in my book. To this day, I swear I saw a number 4004 under the Winchester column. Guess I just wanted to see one. So, I bought it and gave a good price for it to boot.

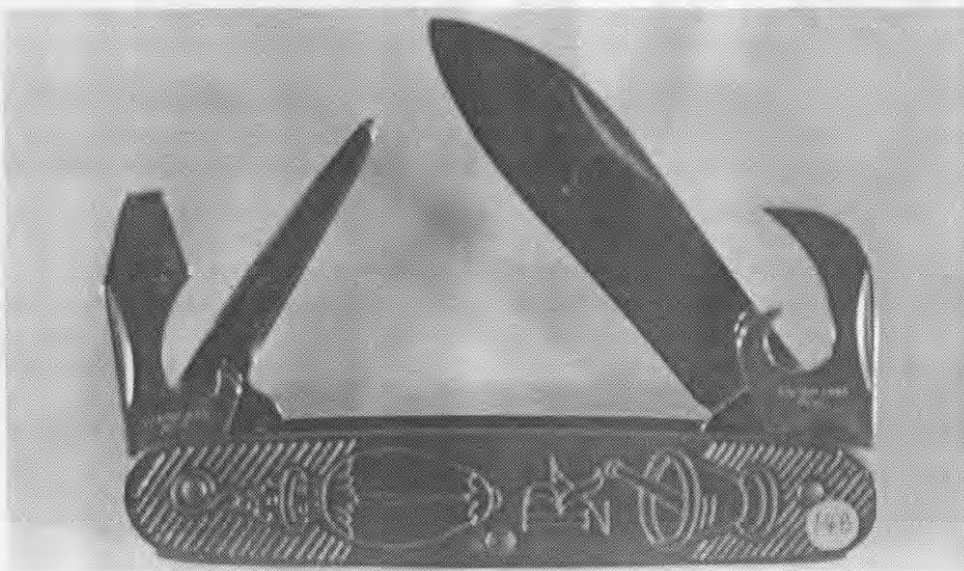
Now that I look closer at the knife, it is a nice copy. It has great R, W, and B handles that are really nice. It's probably a **IKCO** with a Winchester blade added. I have eight others with the R, W, and B handles, and not one matches the Winchester exactly. None of the shields go into the blue like this one. The blue area extends longer than the others on this knife. Of all the knives that I looked at, only the Imperial shields go into the blue area like this "**Winchester**" I have.

Anyway, like they always say, "**you learn the hard way**." But, I probably have the only Winchester scout around with R, W, and B handles, or is it the real thing? You tell me.



Winchester "Scout" 4004

IKCO Imperial "Scout" 1920-1940





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Meet Fellow Collector

Dennis Ellingsen

Eugene, Oregon

It be Me, by Dennis Ellingsen

It was suggested that I write a bit about me for this newsletter. Let me say this about that, or unaccustomed as I am to public writings let thee take heed. Back in the days before dirt, I became involved in knives. In the beginning my ten year old son Ray would ride the bike trails to meet me after work so that we could ride home together. One day he found an Imperial Diamond Edge utility knife in the park as he was waiting for me. His excitement was impressive and as a result of this we started a father and son project of knife collecting. Because of the Imperial utility knife we specialized in scout/utility knife patterns.

Ray gave up the knives in his teen years in favor of comic books and pretty girls while I continued to accumulate more and more knives. Twenty years ago the utility knife was not held in high regard. That suited me just fine with my limited income and collecting mania. I grimaced with financial pain when I gave \$60 for my mint Ulster Sea Scout, \$65 for the mint Cattaraugus Whit-til-Kraft and \$350 for my better than average Remington Bullet. There were other treasures to be found in this then cast-aside-pattern knife but that has certainly changed over the years.

The collection stands at 550 utility pattern USA made knives which include official Scouts, advertising knives, two blade utilities or anything else that fits the utility knife niche. In those beginning days there were no books on these knives and I had more questions than answers. With specimens in hand I started my infamous writing career and became an historian. As my good friend Bernard Levine comments, "The reason I write is to make sure I have a source for all the information I discover."

Denver Knife Show Big Success!

SCOUT KNIFE DISPLAY WINS "BEST OF SHOW"

On a weekend that had everything from sunshine to snow, the **Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors** held their annual Knife Collectors Show. On Friday the 27th of January, we drove in cold rain and through a small snow blizzard before reaching Denver. The weather was crazy but didn't stop knife collectors from displaying about 100 tables of knives and related articles. Once again, I feel the show was a big success and really enjoyed myself. The Denver boys always make you feel at home and are ready to help in any way they can.

As I mentioned before, it is a good show to bring along the wife as right in the next room there must be 350-400 tables of antiques, books, some knives, and about everything else you could imagine. It is all displayed neat and clean with wide aisles, and you can spend hours just looking.

I decided to go ahead and display my scout knives about a week before the show. It didn't give me much time to prepare a good display, but I came up with one table of scout knives and miscellaneous scout memorabilia. I received the **"President's Award"** and a nice pocket knife for my efforts. I was really tickled. Now that I have my first display under my belt, I guess I will show them again at our local **Colby Show on March 11,12**. It is a nice show with a lot of guns, coins and a few knives. There seems to be more and more knives every year. It is probably a 300-400 table show. If you are in the area on that weekend, plan to stop. I'm sure you will enjoy the show.

The **"Best of Show"** award went to a nice display of scout knives by **John Gerhardt** from the Denver area. John is an advanced collector of scout knives, and has about as many scout knives as you could hope for in one collection. John has won many awards with his scout display and is always ready to talk knives with anyone.

I first met John several years ago when I started collecting scout knives. We met at a Denver Show where we were both just looking. We went out in the parking lot and did some "tradin" out of the trunk of my car.

All in all, it was a good show. **Better plan to make this one next year!**



John Gerhardt, "Best of Show"



Frank Vacca & Grandson Austin Bricker, "President's Award"

Meet Fellow Collector

Richard L. Ahrens

York, P. A.

Hello from York, P.A. (Between Gettysburg Battlefield and Three-Mile Island.)

...being third of four brothers in scouting, we would fight over who owned which knife?

I joined cub scouts in 1968 and being third of four brothers in scouting, we would fight over who owned which knife? The first scout knife that started my collecting came to me in 1976 while working at Camp Tuckahoe as a camp counselor.

After my eagle scout award, the camp staff surprised me with a gift of a **Buck** knife type 110. The knife is not an official B. S. A. knife, but is a favorite in my collection.

One concern that I have with my collection is some of my "delrin" handles shrink over time. No one that I have talked to could tell me how to stop it. (Any advice?)

When I acquire a used knife the blades are first cleaned with **Hoppe's No. 9** gun cleaning solution to remove dirt and lint. The next step is to put a thin coat of 3-in-1 household oil and taking care not to touch any metal, place it in a knife brief case. Inside the knife case I keep a **dry-guard** moisture canister (sold by **Edmund Scientific**) and the knife case is stored in a warm dry place. My sheath knives are also stored in the cases without the sheath --over time the tanning acid may cause rust.

I would like to hear from other collectors on how they take care of their knives.

Rich.

Thanks for the good information Rich.

There is a good article on "**Car-ing for Knives**" By **Jim Williamson** in this month's edition of **National Knife Magazine**. February issue page 20. Check it out.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

My Favorite Knives (Today) by dennis ellingsen

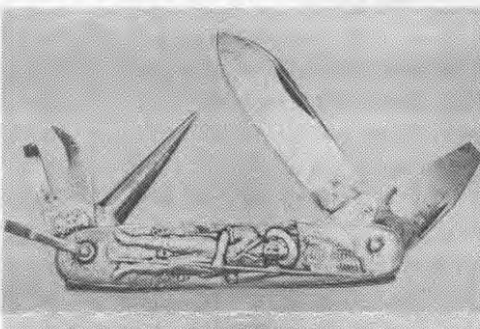
Everyone has a favorite knife and I do to. This week it is the pre-1915 vintage utility knife with the nickel silver stamped design handles. The main handle has a view of a scout holding the US flag. The rear handle has scenes of a scout rising in the morning, canoeing, fishing and cooking over a campfire.

My first sample of this knife was a battered specimen that I got for \$5 in 1975. It was rough, no blade was respectable. I like knives like this as they tend to prove a suspicious mint knife. This "beater" was a Case tested XX, and I pinned its date between 1910/1914. Since that time I have added to my collection a near mint Case XX and a Challenge with the nickel silver handles. The blades are different enough to make me believe that these knives were not made by the same factory. A few months ago I purchased yet another variation of this knife that "blew my socks off." It was the same knife as the Challenge but with "COPPER" handles.

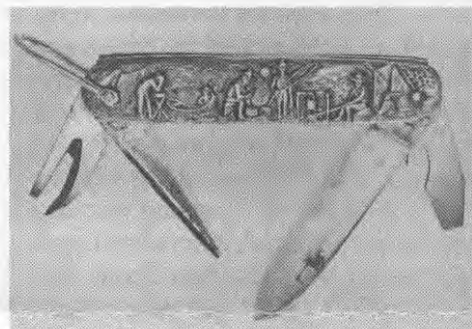
I have no factual information on these knives so everything stated is conjecture. I do not believe these knives were made with the sanction of the BSA. The one thing that remains constant on these knives is the handles. All scenes are identically the same. I suspect that a person or company had these handles made and then contracted Case and Challenge to assemble the knives.

It is logical to think that a company promoted these knives at scout functions, private sales and sales to the scouting organizations. Such purchases by the BSA could easily have been for award knives. I suggest this since the three specimens I have are in "good" shape. Knives used as awards tend to be mementos and are not used. In this same line of thinking, these knives are not built for stout use but more for looks. But as seen from my "beater" some fall into the hands of users and abusers.

It is amazing to me to find knives like this that are 80 years old and have survived the rigors of time. There are so many paths of destruction that knives can follow, but yet a few survive. I hold these "scout/utility" knives in high regard and marvel at their "being."



Case tested XX 1910/1914. Nickel silver stamped design handles. Front



Challenge, backside. Note: scenes on handle are up-side-down.

Four more "sign up."

Say Hello to four new Collectors.

Nat Weeks
231 Aspen Blvd.
Yorktown, VA 23692

Mel M. Palmquist
2621 70 Ave. West Suite A
Tacoma, WN 98466

John Gerhardt
4099 Carriage Ct.
Lafayette, CO 80026

Paul Griffree
685 Ash
Denver, CO 80220

Scout Story Book Wanted

John Gerhardt has an almost complete collection of scout story books. Books like the: Tom Slade, Roy Blakeley, Pee Wee Harris series. John is looking for "**The School Days of Elliott Grey.**" If you can help him out, get in touch with him, he will appreciate it.

Thanks for all the articles and stories. Once again, if you have something for the newsletter, please send it along and I will try to use it. Your favorite knife, pictures, stories or what ever you think the readers might enjoy.

Till next month...Frank



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Meet Fellow Collector

Terry Rushbrook

Longmeadow, MA

Thanks for your invitation to write about my knife collecting propensity, (or is it an addiction?) I have always been around knives and edged tools since my dad was a carpenter and would no sooner leave the house without a pocket knife than without his pants. There was a sharpening stone on the kitchen counter to keep an edge on his favorite tool. We lived in upstate New York in a rural area, so there were always hunting knives around, also. I still have my first sheath knife, a Western Field, made by Western for Sears or Montgomery Ward. I have my Boker electrician's knife from the sixties, and two knives from the phone company for service anniversary gifts. I guess they are a part of my life.

Utility knives are my favorite because of their simple elegance and design efficiency.

I was introduced to collecting when a friend asked me to go to a Northeast Cutlery Collector's Association show with him about four years ago. I was hooked immediately and became a fan of utility knives, especially Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Girl Scout, and related knives. It wasn't long before I was an exhibiting member of the NCCA. It is great to be able to deal and talk with other collectors and knife fanciers, rather than just reading and researching on your own. I've learned a lot from **Jim Rines, Jim and Cindy Taylor, Joe Hughes**, and others that can't be found in any book. I appreciate their willingness to listen and to advise. Hopefully, both profit equally from the experience. **Continued on back side.**

BOY SCOUT COLORING BOOKS?

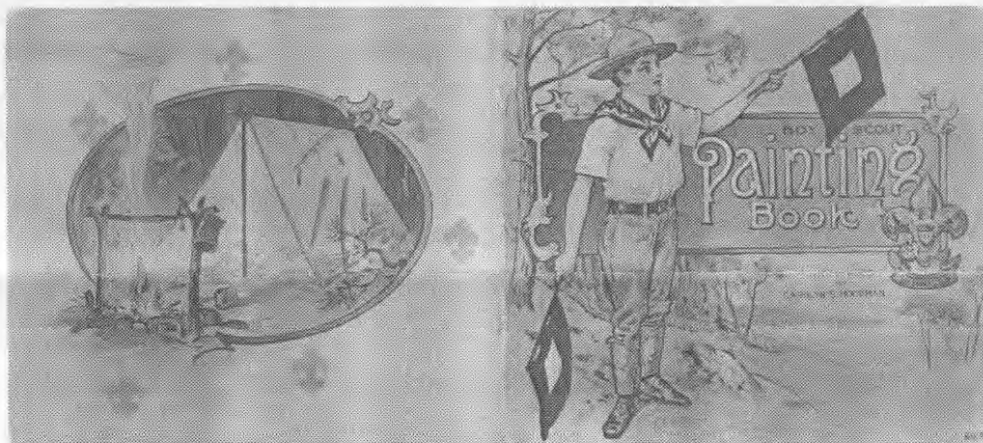
On February 18-19 I set up two tables at a small local show. It was your typical home town show held in the National Guard Armory, however, sometime these small shows produce some real treasures.

Eric Aspegren (one of our Lone Scouts) drove over from Burr Oak, Kansas. He called me a couple of nights before the show and asked if I would be there? When I said I would, he said he had something for me. I had never met Eric, although we only live a couple of hours apart. Kansas is a big state and if you ever drive I-70 from East to West across Kansas, you will agree that it is the longest 400 plus miles of your life.

Anyway, Eric was there bright and early Saturday morning with several rolls of knives under his arm. We met, talked and had a good visit. What he had for me was a 1917 issue of a **"Boy Scout Painting Book."** He found it at an auction and said he thought of me immediately. Good for him!

The book seems to be Official Scout with scout marks and all. It is in very good condition, and has several of the pages colored or painted by someone very young. On one side of the book it shows a full colored picture, and the facing page is left black and white for you to copy with paints or colors. The pictures are of soldiers of all countries, and the medal of their country is also shown.

The book is really different and I was glad to get it. Also, in the deal I got some old scout "story" books that I said I didn't want to collect. Guess the old books would make a nice collection if you could figure out how to keep the whole basement from smelling like a used book store.



Picture of the Painting Book opened up so you can see the front and back covers. Below, shows part of the inside pages that you can color or paint.



Official BSA-- Made in JAPAN?

On March 11-12, I displayed my scout knives at our local show that held its 35th annual show this year. I had a good show and sold a few knives. I also picked up a couple official knives from another dealer at the show.

The first knife is a **Kershaw** folder lock-back BSA #1372. It is a 4" knife with green plastic handles, and a round die cast pewter tenderfoot emblem embedded in the handle. Although this knife is not hard to find, I was not familiar with it. I finally checked my scout catalogs, as there was nothing about it in my usual sources.

In the 1987-88 catalog it is listed as a "new" item, and sold for \$31.95. It was no longer listed in the 1990 or 1992 catalogs, so I don't know how long it was around. The tang is marked with **Kershaw "Black Gulch"**, and **3120 "Japan"** on the back.

Thank goodness for Chevrolets and apple pie.

The second knife is a **Western** Boulder sheath knife #1381. When I first looked at it in a dealer's case I said, "I have that one." I took it over to my table to compare it with the one I have to be sure. I noticed my blade was straight, while this one had a "saber" blade. I also noticed that it had a "first class" emblem, while mine had a "tenderfoot" Official Scout emblem.

I checked all this out by looking in a issue of **Scout Memorabilia** sent to me by **Ed Holbrook**. In this issue, Mr. Holbrook lists Official Scout sheath knives and has pictures and information on each sheath knife made. The BSA model #1381 was made from 1955-1970. The 1st Class stamp made from 1955-1970, and the Tenderfoot stamp from 1960-1970. They both have a 4" blade and a leather sheath with the square knot stamp. There is also a noticeable difference in the length of the brass hilt.

So, when you are searching for scout sheath knives, be aware of differences in blade types and Official Boy Scout stamps also.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

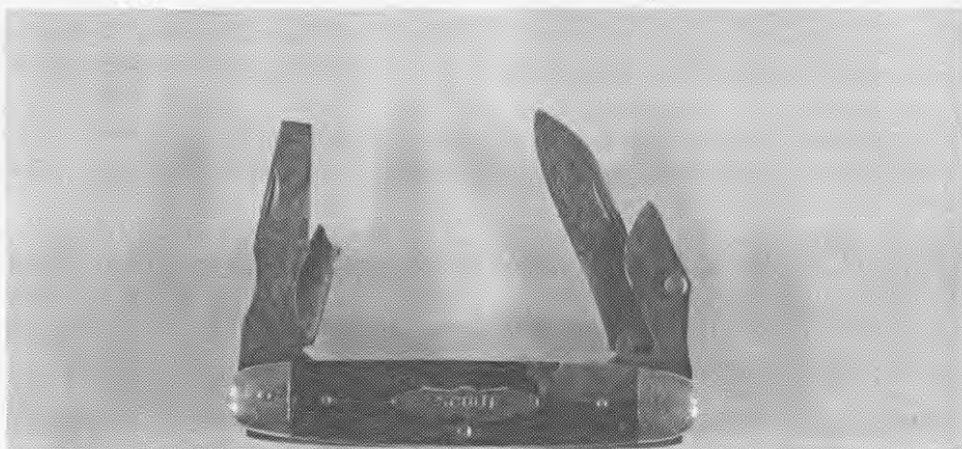
The **Knife of the Month** is a **Winchester 4950 SCOUT**. This hard to find and rather expensive knife, is a good one to have in any scout/utility collection.

The 4950 shown here is an "old dog" that has seen many years of service. It came to me by way of a friend that purchased it for \$2.50 at an estate farm sale auction. The bail is gone and so is a chunk of bone from the handle on the "scout" side. The punch blade has been "tipped," and the main blade is down some. However, all blades are tight and have excellent snap, and everything seems to be original. The blade is marked with the **Winchester** logo and **4950** on the backside. I'll bet this was a one-owner knife and carried for years for an everyday work knife. Probably cut a lot of binders twine and an occasional slice of apple from a backyard tree.

Sargent's book lists this one for \$450 in mint condition, and has it as 3 5/7" long. Haven't seen many rulers that would measure 5/7 of an inch, have you?

After all these years of good service to its owner this knife deserves a rest. After a good cleaning it will "retire" in my collection. Maybe later I might check on some new body parts for the old boy and get him all slicked up as good as new.

Not!



The 4950 Winchester Scout

Say Hello to four collectors that will receive the **Lone Scout** for the first time this month.

Anthony Brzuchowski
10127 Wheeler
Belleville, MI 48111

Willis Hoy
111 Pollitt Rd.
Russell, KY 41169

Bob Torok
76 Boulder Rd
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

Page Ferree
802 Dargan St.
N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

If you would like all the back issues, send me two stamps and I'll send them to you. **Frank Vacca**

1825 Harvey,
Colby, KS 67701

Terry Rushbrook, from front side.

Utility knives are my favorite because of their simple elegance and design efficiency. Here, in four blades, is just about all one would need in the course of a day in the field, or in the office. Of course, the bottle opener has lost its purpose in this age of screw off tops. Recently I showed my collection to a local troop and the little guys didn't have a clue about what it was for! My collection now includes Boy Scout utility and sheath knives as well as hatchets, carborundum stones, match safes, and other items, as well as a large assortment of Cub Scout and Girl Scout knives. My interests also stray into the areas of miniatures and custom knives.

Thanks for putting the time and effort into the **Lone Scout**. I always enjoy it and look forward to each issue.

Sincerely,
Terry Rushbrook



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THE KNIFE THAT STARTED A LAWSUIT

From a March 4, 1925 memo from James E. West:

Last month I featured the "**Winchester 4950 Scout**" as the Knife of the month. I received two articles from readers that sent me this story about the Winchester Scout and how it started a lawsuit. I will repeat the story here with their permission for readers that have never read this interesting story. **Thanks to Ed Holbrook and Robert Torok.**

I am very happy to make known to you, and through you to the entire scout field, the text of two very important decisions conferring great benefit upon the Boy Scouts of America recently rendered by the Commissioner of Patents, United States Patent Office.

The first decision was in matter of the Opposition filed by the Boy Scouts of America against the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, Connecticut, who sought to register a trade-mark for pocket knives consisting in part of the words "Winchester Scout." The Examiner of Interferences of the United States Patent Office decided in favor of our contention that the Winchester concern was not entitled to appropriate the word "scout," but from this decision the company appealed to the Commissioner of Patents. Here again the Patent Office decided that the right of the Boy Scouts of America would be invaded, and confusion caused to the public if the Winchester organization were permitted to appropriate the title "scout" to its own use without license or proper authority of the Boy Scouts of America.

I recently received a letter from the newly elected President of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company in
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GOING TO DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION?

A while back when I displayed my collection for the first time I had no idea how it would be judged. I didn't know what the judges were looking for, or what would add or deduct points from my total score. I thought it would be interesting to see the different ways displays are judged, and what kind of display the judges are looking for.

I asked several people from different parts of the country to send me a copy of their judging form so I could compare them. I was surprised to see that the forms were very similar, however, there were some notable differences.

Do you know what the single item was that awarded the most points on all forms? **Labeling.** One form awarded as high as 20 points, or 1/5 of your total score, for labeling of items. The second highest, or 15 points, went to **Rarity of Items displayed.** After these two, everything else was scored on an equal basis or the same amount of points for each item, usually 5 to 10 points.

One form deducted 5 points if your name was not shown or included on the display. Another form awarded bonus points, up to 10 points, for what the judge felt was a good display or something exceptional. The 10 points were included in the total 100 points possible, so if you didn't receive any bonus points, you lost 10 points.

A lot of emphasis was placed on having a good title for the display, and how well it matched the display.

There were 3 main categories:

1. Educational
2. Merit of items on display
3. General or Public Appeal

Under these 3 main categories came many sub heads where the points were actually awarded. These were: **Title, Contents, Labeling, Related Items, Condition, Rarity, Collector Importance of Displayed Items, Completeness, Appearance, Appeal, Neatness, Creativity, and Bonus Points.**

As you can see, the judging could be made as simple or as complex as you wanted to make it.

So, what would it take to win an award with your display? You will need a **nice, neat, complete, creative** display. Everything must be **labeled** and your **name** and **title** placed in a prominent position. It should have **educational value** when viewed by the public and contain some **rare items**. The display should have some other **related items** or memorabilia to go along with the knives that are displayed, or items made during the same time period as your collection. All this will be laid out on a nice table cover on one or more tables, and usually in glass cases or protected from little hands, (or big hands,) that want to touch or handle everything in your collection.

This should give us beginning collectors an idea of how to set up our knives for display, and what the judges are looking for when awarding points.

Thanks to everyone who sent me the display judging forms.

Frank

(Lawsuit, from front side.)

which he pledges that his company will cease the sale of Winchester goods bearing the word "scout" as soon as the outstanding stocks are exhausted. This expression of a desire to co-operate with the Boy Scouts of America irrespective of the legal technicalities is most gratifying. It supports so splendidly the viewpoint which I have repeatedly advanced during the necessary Patent Office procedure, that the officers and directors of such companies are desirous of contributing to the best interests of scouting from the standpoint of what is fair and just to the values and high ideals imparted by the scout program to the boyhood and future leadership of America.

The decision of the Patent Commissioner upon our General Petition is also of great significance and capable of wide application. It sets forth the history and present status of the right of the Boy Scouts of America to freedom from encroachment upon its name and characteristic titles, and instructs the Examiner of Patents to be guided thereby in passing upon future applications inconsistent therewith. This will be of great value in eliminating at their source trade-marks sought to be registered and likely to prove harmful to the Boy Scouts of America.

During the year just ended, we have passed well beyond the 300 mark in the number of instances in which firms and individuals have been persuaded through correspondence and personal interview to give up unauthorized use of the titles "scout," "boy scout," "scouting," etc., or other practices deemed harmful to the best interests of the Movement.

Character Knives Wanted.

As you know, I also collect **character** knives. I'm looking for 4 made by **Camillus** just a while back. Help me out if you can. It is the "**Riders of the Silver Screen**" series. Not too hard to find, but somehow they slipped by me.

Roy Rogers, Lone Ranger, Red Ryder, and Gene Autry. Want them in the box in plastic and mint. Thanks, **Frank**

Say Hello to:

Bradford Estabrook
Worcester, MA

Receiving the **Lone Scout** for the first time. Welcome!

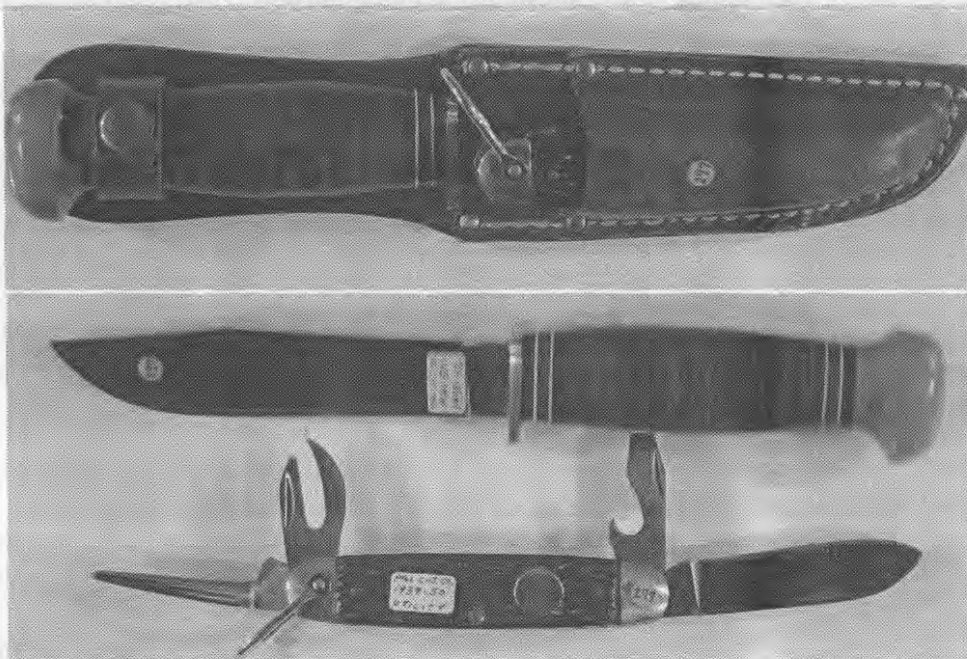
KNIFE OF THE MONTH

The knife of the month is a nice **Pal Cutlery Co. piggy-back set**. It contains a Pal RH-50 sheath knife with a 4 1/2" blade, and a 4-blade Pal utility knife.

This set is not an Official Scout set, and I don't know if anyone ever made one, but it is a little different and fits into a utility collection nicely. I suppose Remington also made one because of the RH number, and Pal bought them out in 1939. Pal only made sheath knives from 1939-1942, so that really dates this one. According to **Hal Holbrook**, Pal made the Official Scout sheath knife RH-51 (1940-42), and the RH-34 also in 1940-42.) These knives look pretty much alike except for the blade length. Also, during the war years, the aluminum end cap was replaced with wood.

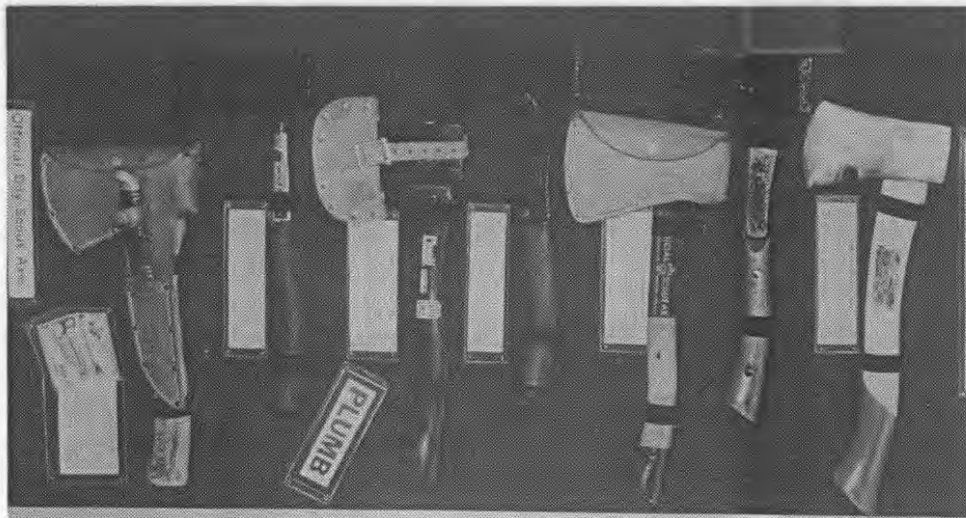
The utility knife has the (Pal Cutlery Co. Made in USA) stamp in a half-circle. This makes it a later production knife. It has a plain round shield with no marks on it. I wonder why they would use a shield, and not put any name or mark on it? It also has black plastic handles and a permanent bail. Both knives and the leather sheath are in excellent condition.

Pal Cutlery Company went out of business in the early 1950's.



Top Photo: Shows the knives in the Piggy-back sheath.

Bottom Photo: Pal RH-50, and the Pal Cutlery Co. 4-blade Utility.



A Nice Collection of Official Scout Hand Axes from the Bob Torok Collection.



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Remington/Pal Cutlery Companies 1923-1947

By Dennis Ellingsen, KNIFE WORLD
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Remington became a supplier of the Official BSA Knife in early 1923. No other company produced as many nor as high a quality knife as did Remington. Remington scout knives generally capture more interest in the collectable world too. Remington changed the shape of the Official shield from its own type acorn shield to the transitional cut out (outline) shield to the final BSA assigned round shield. The last Official shield change occurred around 1927. Official BSA Knives were made in three and four blade pocket knife varieties along with two models of Official sheath knives. Remington made Official BSA Knives up until they phased out the cutlery division in 1940.

After Pal purchased the Remington Cutlery division in 1940, Pal continued to supply the Official Scout Knife, which looked exactly like the Remington. The only difference was the tang stamp, Pal Blade Company. Later the name was changed to Pal Cutlery Company. Once this name was used the Pal knives no longer looked like Remingtons. As for the Official Scout Knife, there were a few obvious changes. One change was the elimination of the two piece can opener in favor of a unique one piece style. The other was to produce the familiar Remington style Official BSA knife with a plastic handle. Pal is credited with producing the first plastic or synthetic handle material for the BSA. This apparently was short lived as Pal stopped supplying the Official knife in the late 1940's (1947?). This placed the Pal Official knives in a collectable position. The Official BSA shield remained the same as the Remington style throughout all the Pal changes.

Meet CINDY TAYLOR The CUSTODIAN OF CUTLERY

By Cindy Taylor

The **Lone Scout** has been after me to pen a few words for our readership. Having found a few spare moments, I shall endeavor to share with you my thoughts. As I write to you I am 32,000 feet above terra firma, squashed into a steerage seat, enroute to Eugene, Oregon.

The majority of you know me as a dealer in all manner of cutlery, but there was a time, and not that long ago, when I too collected knives. The "chase & hunt" were a welcome respite to my other life as a "frantic" picture framer. Constant deadlines, daily stress and exacting type of work were taking their toll. The Sunday escapes to the antique flea markets of New Hampshire were my salvation.

In those early days of collecting knives the entire amalgamation revolved around my insatiable appetite for collecting COCA-COLA memorabilia. As you know, Coke issued many knives over its history and these naturally fit in with all the trays, signs and paper goods which I proudly displayed in my home.

The years slipped by quickly and the collection was slowing creeping throughout the house. Since we are only caretakers for all that is saved and cherished in life, the time finally arrived to pass the collection on (via auction) to future custodians. The love of Coca-Cola advertising is still with me, but the lure of knives, and perhaps more important, their integral (no pun intended) part of American history, have kept me sustained for all these years and hopefully many more to come.

The change from collector to dealer came rather abruptly as I decided upon a career and life change, both at the same time. I dearly miss the luxury of collecting, but I do love what I do for a living, and that's more than most people can attest to. This isn't to say that I don't put aside a few treasures for viewing on cold snowy nights. . . but if only mother hadn't "lost" my Ulster Girl Scout Knife I'd probably be a "complete" person today.

I can remember way back when a red, white and blue utility/scout knife would be pooh-poohed by the collectors who only wanted bone or stag. My my, how times have changed. Today it's a matter of supply and demand, and I don't have to tell you which has outweighed the other.

My interest in scout/utility knives was re-awakened when I met **Dennis Ellingsen** back in the early 80's. His enthusiasm and desire to collect "every scout knife species known to man" (both official and not) proved to be the ideal teacher for me, in just learning about the different brands, sizes, and handle materials, blade configurations etc. etc. etc. Dennis's job took him all over the U. S., and to Boston in particular. We both spent many hours at the Harvard Library and the Lawrence Lee Boy Scout Museum in Manchester, NH., poring over BOYS LIFE magazines to try to document when each cutlery company was granted a contract for making knives. Dennis has utilized this information in many of his articles for KNIFE WORLD.

Over the years I've been privileged to own several, what I consider to be, RARE scout knives. "Officially" speaking, I almost fell over in a faint when I found the TWO BLADE L. F. & C. and the two ULSTER SEA SCOUTS which I have owned put shivers up my spine. The day I found a near mint REMINGTON WOHELO is forever etched in my mind. Lone Scout, **Frank Vacca**, will surely tell you of his knife and ax combination, in original box, no less! On the non-official side of things, perhaps the best specimen I can easily recall was the CASE TESTED UTILITY pattern with embossed metal handles depicting a Boy Scout.

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(Custodian of Cutlery, From Front Side)

Probably the best advice that I could offer anyone who collects knives, but scouts/utility especially, is to BE PATIENT. Read everything you can get your hands on in regard to these knives and use the **LONE SCOUT** as your forum. The more we speak and exchange information, the more we will all benefit.

P.S., I forgot to mention that Jim collects all sorts of BOY SCOUT "stuff." The house is awash in Order of the Arrow, Silver Beavers, Silver Antelope and a host of other B.S. items. We REALLY NEED a bigger house.

Cindy

Note: Cindy and Jim Taylor put out a dandy catalog of knives for sale. If you are not on their mailing list, you are really missing out. Order one today! They advertise in most all knife publications and magazines.

The LONE SCOUT, One Year Old! 1

Next month will be my 12th issue of **Lone Scout**. One year has come and gone and it is time to evaluate and see if it has been worth the effort.

I really enjoy sending you what little information I can gather on scout and utility knives. But more important to me, is just knowing how many "scout" collectors there are out there. It has been fun to receive mail and correspond with collectors from all over the country; and I know there are a lot more that I haven't heard from. It is getting harder to find new information that you have not read or heard about. I didn't want this newsletter to be only about me and my collection. That is like inviting you over for "home movies," and "what we did on our vacation." I would rather write about **you** and your collection.

I really appreciate all your help, your articles, pictures, and information you sent. I feel I know each of you personally from your introduction in the newsletter, although I have only met one or two of you in person.

When I started I said I would try it for a year. ...I will go a few more months than give it another look.

I will be going to Springfield to the NKCA Show in July, and that show should be great for news, pictures and several "wild" collector stories for the July issue.

Frank

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

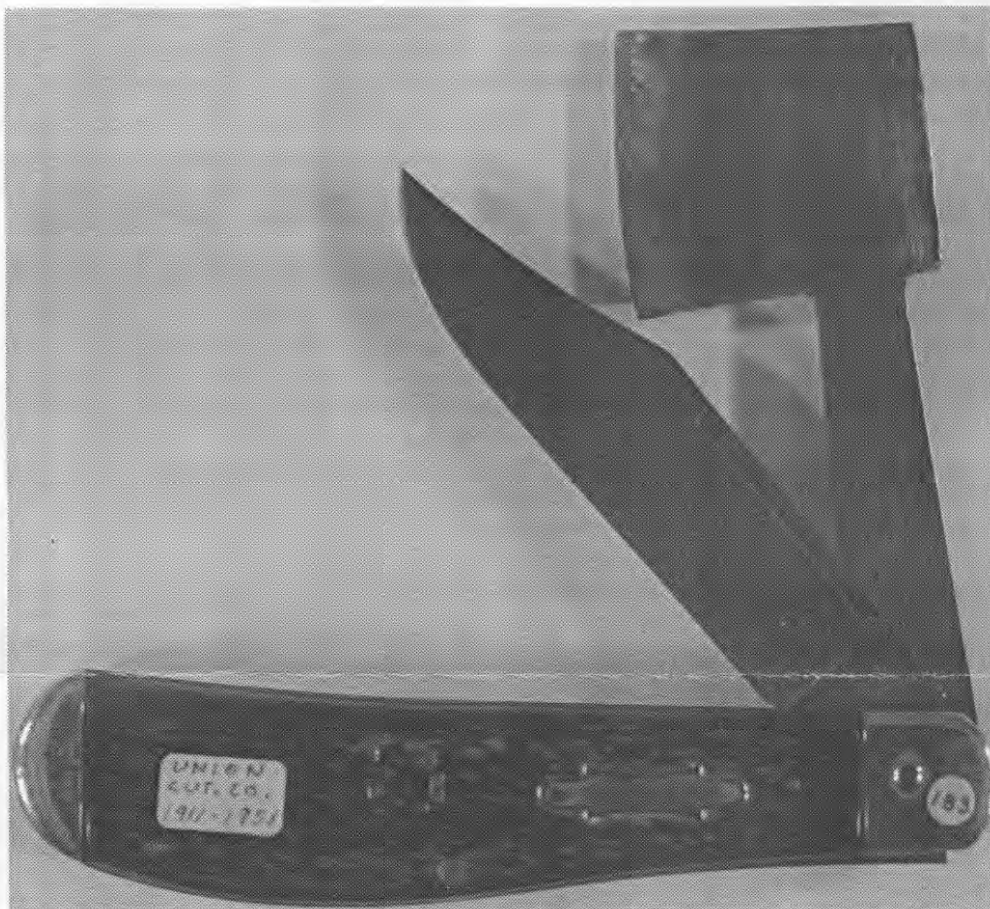
The knife of the month is this extra large 2-blade, 5 inch, "Boy Scout" knife. You can call it a "pocket knife" if you want, but you better have a big tough pocket to put it in. As you can see, it has a small hatchet blade and a large single blade and is pictured here about actual size. I doubt whether you could do any serious choppin' with the hatchet, but it is a heavy chunk of steel about 1/8" wide.

The knife was made by **Union Cutlery Co., New York City**, which later became **KA-BAR**. It has black plastic or hard rubber handles, and has the "Boy Scouts" shield.

The knife is in pretty fair shape for its age and the blades are very good. Has a crack in the back handle at the pin.

Can't find a lot of information on this one, only that the Union Cut. Co. stamp came out in 1909, and this knife was probably made before 1923 when the company became Ka-Bar. If you collect anything that says boy scout, scouts or something similar like I do, this is a good one to look for. When you do find one, it is even harder to get the owner to part with it.

I would appreciate any information on this knife if you are a KA-BAR fan.



Here it is--about 5 1/4" long and enough weight to put a hole in any pocket.

Remington "Bullet Knife" Posters --Sale/Trade

This spring we remodeled our basement and my wife was tired of the "wild, outdoors" look. This suggested the Remington posters had to go. My small room is already overloaded with knives and everything else that is remotely related, so I have some

Remington bullet knife posters for sale or trade. I have four that are all framed in 24" x 30" "plastic" glass front wood frames. 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989 all in excellent condition. Don't know the current value of each, but my last figures ('92) were: \$55, \$119, \$55, and \$55 respectively. If you are interested, we could work out something. I will take them to Springfield in July if I don't sell them.



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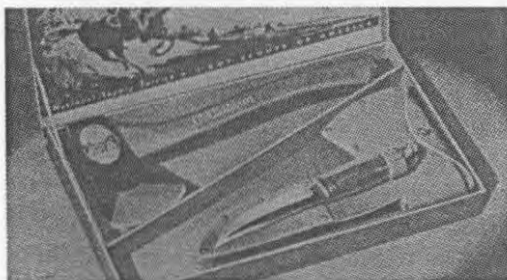


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Just how many K.K.K.'s were there?

While thumbing through a 1950 **Boy's Life** magazine, I ran into the official "Kit Karson Kit." The kit was just like mine that was featured in the **Lone Scout** back in October, '94. The thing that caught my eye was the number of the item. **No. 1029?** Everyone, including Ed Holbrook, lists two different numbers on these. The **1079** and **1080**. The **1080** has the smaller sheath knife. Then where did this No. 1029 come from? Also, note the different "box" on one pictured in a 1938 Boy Scout Handbook.



Kit Karson Kit

A great 2-in-1 combination for Scout woodsmen. Contains an Official Sheath Knife and an Official Axe together with a heavy-duty leather sheath for easy, safe carrying in the field. Gift boxed.
No. 1029 Complete Set.....\$5.50

1950 Boy's Life

KIT KARSON KIT



Consists of the "Plumb" Official Axe, the new combination leather Sheath, and large size "Remington" Official Sheath Knife. Both the Axe and the Knife fit snugly into the Sheath which is worn on the Scout Belt.

No. 1079 \$3.50
Same as above but small Sheath Knife is substituted for the large.
No. 1080 \$3.25

1938 Boy Scout Handbook

B.S.A. DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE KNIVES

Copy and pictures furnished by Ed Holbrook.

Taken from a 1984 article in the National Knife Magazine.

In 1985 the Boy Scouts of America celebrated their 75th birthday. To mark this historic event the B.S.A. commissioned **Schrade Cutlery Company** to produce four special edition knives. Three of these were similar in appearance and were made of stainless steel. They were four inch long lockbacks and had custom etched inlaid handles. The quantity produced and the words "Boy Scouts of America" were etched on each blade. A Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Coin was included with each knife.

The Mark side shows the Boy Scout emblem and a Scout in the original uniform. He is holding a Scout staff or stave. Below the Scout is the Diamond Jubilee insignia with the founding and anniversary dates above and below.

The Pile side shows the Scout emblem and the portraits of the fathers of Scouting. Daniel Carter Beard and Ernest Thompson Seton. The Scout is reminded of honor and the camaraderie of the organization by the Scout sign and handshake, together with the opening words of the Scout Oath.

Only 100 knives with 10K gold inlaid handles, 500 knives with sterling silver inlaid handles and 12,000 knives with brass inlaid handles were produced. Making the gold and silver extremely scarce and expensive.

Also, to celebrate the anniversary, an authentic reproduction of the original four blade scout knife was produced. Only 20,000 knives were produced. Each is serialized and bears the **New York Knife Company** tang stamp, the original maker of the scout knife which has not been seen in almost half a century.

The three Stainless knives are tang stamped with "ULSTER LIMITED EDITION," and have their very own storage box.

As I said before, these knives are very hard to find in the silver and gold additions and demand a high purchase price. Needless to say, I'm in the market for the pair.



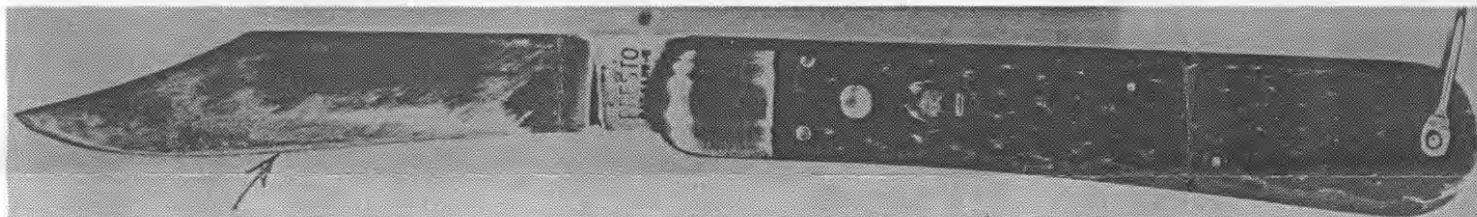
Brass, silver, and gold additions. Note the nice walnut presentation boxes issued with the silver and gold. They sold for \$35, \$250, and \$500. Who knows what the current value would be?

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

The "**Knife of the Month**" is a real dandy. It is an "Official Boy Scout" switchblade. Wow!, I didn't know they made such a thing...

The knife pictured below is owned by **Willis Hoy** of Russell, Kentucky. I only have a photo copy of it so the reproduction is not very good. Willis has the original red box that the knife came in. Printed on the box is "Official Boy Scouts of America." The box looks like the old **Remington** boxes. The knife was purchased in Chicago in 1928 by the original owner. The blade still bears some etching. "Official Knife Boy Scouts of America." The tang is marked PRESTO PAT. PEND., and it seems to be about five inches long. Willis says he has only seen two others like this one, and would like any information anyone has on this Official Switchblade Scout Knife.

Willis also has another interesting knife from the 1937 Jamboree, but I'll save it for another issue.



Official Boy Scout Switchblade purchased in 1928.

Downline, Underline, Online?

Boy, I don't know. I'm still trying to figure out how to work my **omniskn**.

Seems like several of the Lone Scouts are "online," and having a great time talking to each other. I'm not "online" yet, but been thinking about it. The problem is out here we don't have any hook-up close by, so everything is long distance.

My son, the computer expert, says he can help me to get "online." Maybe soon I'll join you. In the meantime, **internet** with:

Dennis Ellingsen
Eugene, OR
auggie@ix.netcom.com
or
Frank Trzaska
Woodbury, NJ
kbar2@aol.com

I'm Sorry!

A couple of month's back I forgot to say hello to a new "Lone Scout." So, say hello to a new junior member.

Adam Miller
Madison, CT

Glad to have you as "one of us," hope to hear from you.

"ZIPPO" SCOUTS By Richard Ahrens, York, PA



Top Left: In appreciation Scouting Div. B.S.A.. **Top Right:** B.S.A. National Headquarters N. Brunswick, N.J. **Backside:** Greetings from the Chief Scout Executive, A. Barber.

Middle Left: Is a Region V. **Middle Right:** "All Out for Scouting". **Bottom:** Deputy Chief Scout Executive. **Backside:** Thank You, M. Gene Cruse.

GEORGE FORSYTH

I received a letter from Nat Weeks of Yorktown, VA. He informed me of the death of one of our **Lone Scouts**.

George Forsyth, Williamsburg, VA.

I know I speak for all of you in saying we certainly want to express our sympathies to George's family. George was featured in the Nov., 1994 issue.

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Starting with the next issue or Volume 2, I would like 12 stamps from you (or the equivalent) to keep you on the mailing list. With postage going up, and a nice mailing list, I need a little help. I promise to keep them coming as long as you help out with a story or article now and then. If you don't want on the list, no problem. Hope to hear from you. Frank



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Another July...

Another Show

July is about gone and so is another NKCA Show.

The Springfield/Branson Area Show held on July 7, 8, and 9th was another successful show with about 360 tables of knives.

I set-up one table of knives for sale or trade, but was there like almost everyone else, to find knives for my own collection. It was really great to actually be there with people you only read about in the knife publications. Some of the great names in the knife industry and knife collecting had tables just right down the aisle from me. **Jim Parker, Joe Scale, Jim and Cindy Taylor, John Goins, Bruce Voyles** and probably many more that I didn't recognize. They were all there peddling their wares just like I was.

The table next to me had a lot of big bowie and hand made knives for sale. This lady came over and was interested in purchasing two of his large "Lile" made knives. When she left, he said, "Do you know who that was?" "That was **Mrs. Lile** and she made a deal for two of my Lile knives made by her late husband." She also had a table over in the han made knife section, and was buying and selling Lile knives. She told him that she helped make and decorate many of the knives, and recognized his two as some that she had worked on. She wanted them back, and paid a good price for them.

So for me, it was just the idea of being there with all the "big guns" and thousands of knives for sale that was really great.

I did get to meet a couple of Lone Scout readers and was glad they came over and introduced themselves.

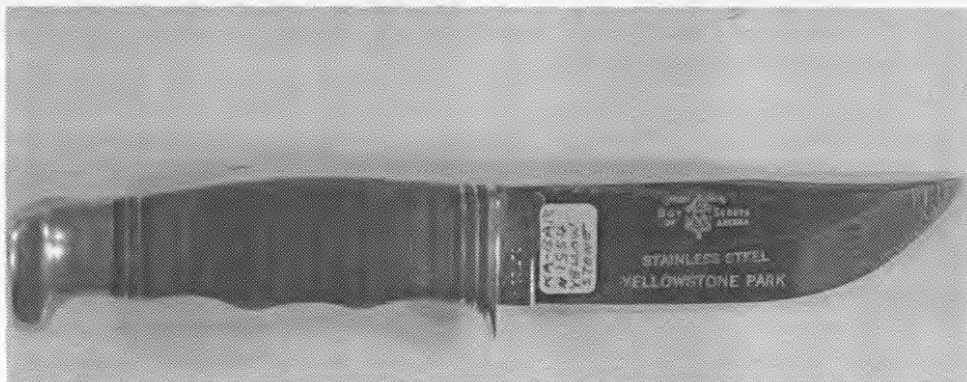
I found a couple of "keepers," and some interesting scout memorabilia along the route to Springfield. (Cont. on back)

B.S.A. OFFICIAL YELLOWSTONE PARK

Here is one that I purchased at the Springfield Show. It has me puzzled. It is the official **KA-BAR BSA # 1554**, made for the scouts from 1937 to 1940. I have no doubt that it is official and has a nice official leather sheath and a official stamp on the blade. However, the stamp says: **Official Knife Boy Scouts of America stainless steel "Yellowstone Park."** What's with the "Yellowstone Park?" I know they have "Philmont" and other official knives, but did the Boy Scout organization ever endorse National Parks or other famous people or places, or has Yellowstone done this on their own?

What do you know about this knife? Does anyone else have official knives advertising a famous person or place?

How about a Big Mac, large fries, and a official BSA sheath knife to go please...Could call it the "**Big Mac Wack Deal.**"



KA-BAR #1554, Union Cut. Co., Olean, N. Y. 3 1/2" Blade, 6 3/4" O. A.
The Yellowstone etch was hard to photograph, as it is silver/white in color.

My Sentiments, Precisely

Taken in Part from a letter from
Don Peters, Couderay, WI

Ever since our leader **Bob Cargill** moved south to Old Fort Tennessee, and a subsequent decline in attendance occurred at **AECA** meetings, I have wondered what to do with my closet full of scout knives gathering dust. Since I now spend summers chasing Muskies in the Hayward Wisconsin area, there are fewer opportunities to actively share my knives with others.

I decided to sell and dreaded the pain of separation I was sure would follow. To my surprise, I discovered that the real treasurers were the memories of meeting other people interested in scouts. A person is fortunate when you

can pursue your hobby and meet such wonderful people as: **Dennis Ellingsen, Mr. Joiner of Texas, Cindy and Jim Taylor, Jim Rines, Dean Millard, Kirk Cruze, Bob Schrap** and countless others.

This is the plus side of scout collecting I hadn't planned on. Each new acquisition along the way often meant a new friend, and a fond memory.

I don't mind parting with my treasures, I have the memories of the search, the finding and the friends.

Say Hello to new member:

Tom Rogers
Nashville, TN
Scout Collector



(NKCA Show Cont. from front side)

The bad part about finding all this "stuff," is when you get home. There laying on your desk is this pile of knives and miscellaneous items that you have to clean, research, and catalog before you place them in your collection that has ran out of space long ago.

I found a **Girl Scout lunch pail**. Don't know the age and much about it, but it is nice. Made of tin and has very colorful pictures of the girls in action on all sides and top. The girls are wearing campaign or "smoky" type hats, so it has to be fairly old. I also ran across another Story Book, rather large with a nice colorful hard cover. Found a couple of nice "baseball bat" knives, including the autographed Babe Ruth. Found a few scout knives that you will hear about later in this issue.

I did sell my **Remington** posters at the Saturday night auction, and was glad I didn't have to tote them back to Kansas.

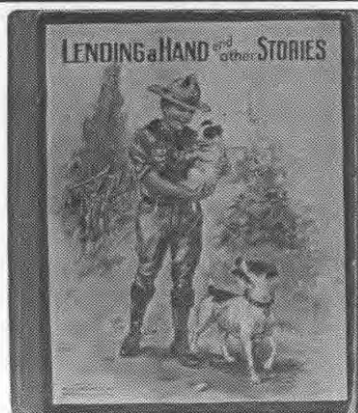
I hear there is a movement afoot to try to get a NKCA show in Denver. That would be wonderful and I hope it happens. See you again in Springfield next year. **Frank**

Mailing List

Would you object to me sending my mailing list of "Lone Scouts" out to anyone that wants it? It would only be sent to others on the mailing list, no one else. This would give us all a chance to exchange information about what each has or needs.

Maybe at some point in time we could plan a swap meet, knife show and general get-together.

This was suggested by one of the members. Don't know is we could pull it off or not. Maybe get together at one of the big shows with a section for us "scouters." Something to think about.

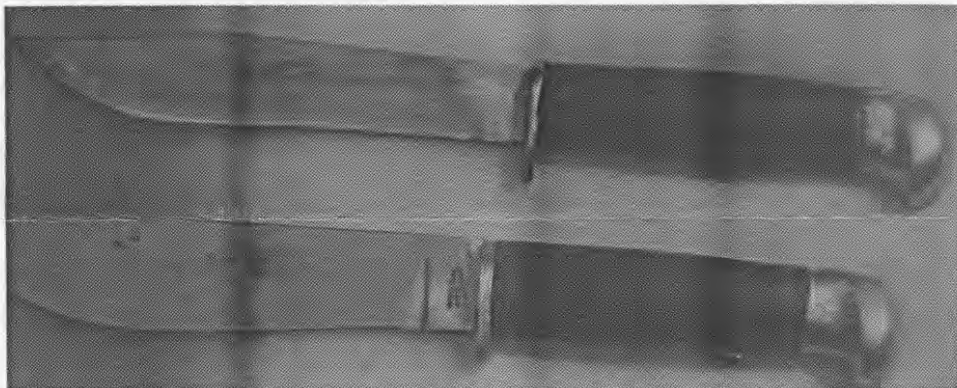


KNIFE OF THE MONTH

Collector Needs Help in Identifying Cutlery Company

Actually there are two knives here but both are pretty much alike. Top knife is unmarked but with official etch and stamped sheath. The bottom is almost the same, except is marked **CARDINAL CUTLERY N. Y. C.** Both have leather washer handles and seem to have at least a six inch blade and aluminum end cap.

Bob Torok of Upper Black Eddy, PA sent this picture and has these two knives in his collection. Bob would like information on the Cardinal Cutlery Company of New York City. I know I have heard of the Cardinal Company, but can't find it in my unorganized filing system.



Two rather large official sheath knives in excellent condition.

Here is the problem...

I have this **Imperial** official four-blade scout knife #1996 in my collection. It has white or cracked ice handles and a first class metal shield. A good looking knife and one that you want in your collection. The problem is, it is always rusting or turning a nice red rust color. This, in time will rust everything close to it in your collection.

I'm sure you all have it. If not, why? Or is it just my knives?

I have had these knives for sale in my cases that I finally put out because I didn't want to clean them up before every show. What do you do with yours?

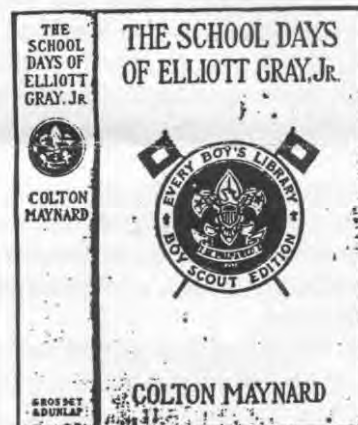
The other day I was putting a new knife in the collection, there it was, rusted again! This time I tried something new. After cleaning the knife again for the umpteenth time, I sprayed clear lacquer all over the knife. I now have it placed in a hard plastic "see through" official box with the lid on, and back into my collection. Will this work or have I really screwed it up? I will let you know in a couple of months.

What have you done? I know there has to be a better way.

WANTED

\$25 Reward

John Gerhardt of Lafayette, Colorado is still looking for this book to fill his collection. Any help would be appreciated. Contact John at: 4099 Carriage St., Lafayette, CO 80026-9674



Some Housekeeping Chores

Many thanks for all the stamps, pictures, stories and cash. Makes the publication a lot easier. Continue to send pictures and your wants and items for sale. Also, this will probably be your last issue unless I hear from you with some stamps or equivalent cash. See you next month. **Frank**



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Meet Collector

BOB TOROK

Flemington, NJ

Fellow Collectors: My name is **Bob Torok**. I have been a scoutmaster and collector for about 15 years. As a scouter, I hold the Scoutmasters Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Awards. As a collector, I started collecting everything relating to scouting. After a while, I started to specialize in knives and axes. As the official knives got harder to locate, I started to collect non-official scout utility knives to display.

I am an avid flea market junkie and attend many scout trade-o-rees

I am an avid flea market junkie and attend many scout trade-o-rees. I usually pick up a few new goodies for the collection. **Ed Holbrook** was my inspiration in displaying my collection with his article in Scout Memorabilia. I displayed my collection and on my first attempt at the Philadelphia Trade-O-Ree took second place, and Fords NJ Trade-O-Ree the following year and took first place.

I have met many fine collectors over the years. I hope to meet many more through your newsletter. Keep up the good work. I hope to send you articles and pictures from time to time of my new finds.

Yours in Scouting
Bob Torok

A Scout Salute to:

Two New Members

Bruce J. White
3 Woodfern Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08628
John Vacca
165 Washington St.
Coal City, Illinois 60416



How Much Is Your Collection Worth?

It usually depends on whether you are buying or selling.

Over the years I have put together what I feel is a nice collection of scout knives. True, I still don't have some of the specials or super duper ones, but overall a nice little collection for a country boy.

Have you noticed lately the asking price for some scout knives? Wow! Since a lot of people are collecting scout knives and asking for them, the prices have really gone up. Every flea market and antique shop I went into this summer wanted way more than the knife was actually worth. They said "but it's a scout knife." It didn't matter that it had long lost its snap and one blade was almost gone, it had a scout shield on the side.

I have noticed that the **Remington RS3333** is leveling off in price and in some cases dropping. I think everyone that wants one has one or two, so the market has dropped.

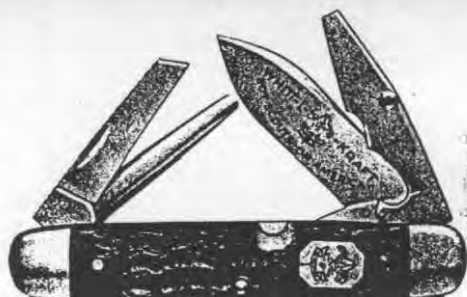
Over the years in my collection I failed to get a **Whitt-L-Kraft by Cattaraugus**. I don't know why, I've got about everything else. So, I figured I would pick one up at the NKCA Show in Springfield this past summer. I figured \$100 to \$150 should get me a real nice one. I checked out the entire show and spotted a couple in just fair condition. They were still asking \$175-\$200 which I thought was way out of line. I finally spotted a real nice one, still had the etch and almost mint. That was the one I wanted. I said "how much"? He said "\$450." What?, No way!

I went over to my friend **Cindy Taylor's** table, I knew she would have one for me. Nope, she was all out of Whitt-L-Krafts. However, she informed me that the \$450 price tag is about right for a nice scout knife still in that condition.

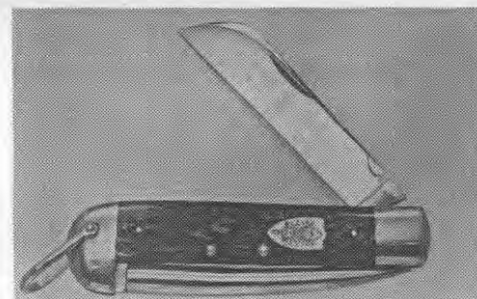
Imagine what some of the really nice collections would be worth at those prices!

Well, I already spent my limit at the show, so I didn't come home with a Whitt-L-Kraft. Guess I'll wait a while longer or find a real bargain at a gun show.

Would you give \$1200 for this pair below?



Whitt-L-Kraft by Cattaraugus -
Asking price \$450.



Ulster Sea Scout, #1128 -
Current price about \$750.

Buster Brown...

Where are You?

Please help me locate a **Buster Brown** sheath knife. If you have one or know of one for sale, I would like to know about it. Thanks. **Frank**

Enclosed this month is a list of your business cards. If yours is not included, It's because you didn't send me one...

Correction:

Frank Trzaska internet number:
kbar2@ix.netcom.com
Give him a call--

Three pieces of memorabilia show a short life for this scout.

When I got home I discovered that along with the card was a short history of this boy scout's life.

It seems that he, along with the former mayor, Dan Huchins 50, were killed in a plane crash. According to the information on the card, this was in 1948. Wayne Morgan was 34. There was also a business card showing Wayne as a builder in Los Angeles, California, and a blank merit badge application was folded in the middle of the card.

Amazing how three or four pieces of paper tells us quite a lot about this former Boy Scout, builder, and owner of the Corona Airport, and his short life of only 34 years. (Notice on the card that he received his Life Scout **before** his Star Scout Award?)

NATIONAL COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
CHARTERED BY CONGRESS
JUNE 1916.

2 PARK AVE., NEW YORK CITY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT UPON RECOM-
MENDATION OF THE LOCAL SCOUT AUTHORITIES

WAYNE MORGAN

IS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 1931

AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARTERED TROOP AS INDICATED
ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND IS EN-
TITLED TO WEAR THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA
OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ACCORDING TO HIS
RANK SO LONG AS HE MAINTAINS HIS REPUTATION AND
GOOD STANDING IN SAID TROOP.
THAT HE SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT.

Two Killed in Plane Crash

Victims of a crash of the plane they had just purchased. Dan Huckins, 50, former mayor of Corona, and Wayne Morgan, 34, owner of Corona airport, were dead today.

Their plane crashed in an orange orchard on Fullerton avenue, less than a mile from the field from which they had just taken off in the new two-seater plane late yesterday. Friends of the two men watched from a field as the craft plunged into a nose dive.

WAYNE MORGAN Builder

431 S. Van Ness Avenue
Los Angeles, California
Phone: EXposition 8150

Corona plane crash kills 2

Minutes after they had taken off on a pleasure flight yesterday, Wayne Morgan, 34, owner of Corona airport, and Dan Huckins, 50, former mayor of Corona, were killed when the plane nose-dived into an orange grove on Fullerton ave. Friends of the two men were watching as the plane crashed less than a mile from the airport. Huckins had been in charge of the military housing project at Camp Anza for four years.

"BE PREPARED"

"DO A GOOD TURN DAILY"
COPYRIGHTED BY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, 1916

SCOUT	1927
QUALIFIED AS TENDERFOOT	1927
CABIN BOY	1927
SECOND CLASS SCOUT	1928
FIRST CLASS SCOUT	1928
SEA SCOUT	1928
ST. PATROL LEADER	1928
TROOP LEADER	1928
OR PATROL LEADER	1928
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Woodwork	Oct 1928
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STAR SCOUT	9/25/29 LIFE SCOUT 2/28/29
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CERTIFICATE OF HEROISM	

RECEIPT FOR TROOP DUES PAID

JAN.	FEB.	MCH.	APR.	MAY	JUNE
JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SCOUT NAMED ON THE FRONT OF THIS CERTIFICATE IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE
Robert PATROL TROOP NO. 21
CITY OF **Rancho Santa Fe**
STATE OF **Calif.**

HE IS ENTITLED TO PURCHASE THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND TO WEAR IT AND THE OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF HIS RANK DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS CERTIFICATE.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR RECALL FOR CAUSE BY THE LOCAL SCOUT AUTHORITIES.

HIS AGE **16** HEIGHT **5'-3"** WEIGHT **132**
GIVEN ON THIS **1st** DAY OF **May**
1930
Glen Moore
SCOUT MASTER

SCOUT EXECUTIVE OR COMMISSIONER

I HEREBY ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS STATED HEREON FOR ITS USE

SCOUT'S SIGNATURE

NOTICE

THE SCOUT SHOULD CARRY THIS CERTIFICATE WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES. HE SHOULD SHOW IT TO THE OFFICIAL OUTFITTER WHEN PURCHASING HIS UNIFORM. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SHOW IT WHENEVER CALLED UPON.

VOID AFTER DUE STATEMENT ON FACE OF CERTIFICATE

NOT VALID UNLESS PERSONALLY SIGNED BY SCOUT AND SCOUTMASTER



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Meet Collector

Brad Estabrook

Worcester, MA

I am 54 years old and have been in scouts since I was eight. As for collecting scout knives, I would only classify myself as a novice and part-time collector. I collect mainly in the cloth and insignia areas of scouting memorabilia. However, in my scout knife collection, I have about 30 scout and cub scout knives that are in the "official" issue category, and another dozen in the "non-official" issue category.

I have been a subscriber to Scout Memorabilia since the beginning and have all of **Ed Holbrook's** guides. Do you know if anyone has ever tried to put together a similar listing of "non-official" scout knives similar to Ed's? Maybe that would be a bigger undertaking as it could encompass issues from foreign countries also.

So as a novice scout knife collector, I am in hopes that as time passes, I'll be able to gain some insight as to the history and background behind the many different scout/utility knives that are out there in circulation. **Brad.**



Top Right: Schrade's Chow Kit Tools, #1384, 1942-46. (Spoon not shown)
Bottom Right: Boker's Mess Kit Tools for the Camp Fire Girls, 1950's.
Above: Three Chow Kit pouches. Schrade also made a red leather case in the 1940's for the Camp Fire Girls.

Let's Eat...

I can remember way back when I was in the scouts, I never had a fancy chow kit to eat with. I had almost all the other official equipment and uniform, but never seemed to have official eating tools. I don't remember any one in our patrol having one either. I guess it was something you could really do without.

I remember my mom digging in the back of her silverware drawer and finding me a knife, fork, spoon, and a can opener that had a corkscrew built into it. I opened many cans of beans with the can opener, but never did use the corkscrew. We hardly ever had **wine** with our hot dogs and beans. She said I could just keep these in my pack and use them forever.

I had a big army surplus pack that I bought after the war. It had all kinds of straps and belts on it. It also had a "zipper" pocket on the top where I always kept my eating tools. I drug that pack all over the country, even to Philmont. I think I still have it in the garage. I wonder if my eating tools are still in the zipper pocket?

Pictured below are three Official Chow Kits. **The Official Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and the Campfire Girls.** Nothing scarce or rare about these, except the Campfire Girls is a little harder to find.

The Boy Scout has a polished leather case and a 3-piece eating set. The insert in the handle is **red**. The Girl Scout is about the same, except the insert is **green**. The case is not as fancy, and is rough leather with the G. S. emblem "painted on." They are both made by **Schrade** and patented in 1942. The Campfire Girls Chow Kit comes in a red plastic case with a white emblem screened on the front. The tools are made by **Boker** and all marked nicely with the C.F.G. emblem. They are made a little different from the Schrades, but look like the other typical Girl Scout eating tools made by Boker. This C.F.G. kit came out in the early 1950's.



This month's knife is a seven-blade utility knife made by **Schrade Walden**. It is the #960 "spearmaster" made from 1950's to 1973. This is a well made strong knife and lists for about \$125.00 in the Official Collectors Knives, Tenth Edition. It has pink-red celluloid handles and a shield emblem that is marked with "schrade walden."

The blades are pretty much the same as any other multi-blade utility knife, except the seventh blade in this knife is a little bit different. It is a "can piercer" (see insert.) The Official Collectors Book says it is a beer can opener, but I say it can also be used for other things as well. You could open a milk can, can of juice, or a few years ago, a can of oil. The "piercer" blade has gone by the wayside in this modern day of "pull tabs" and screw top oil bottles.

This knife would make a good scout/utility knife; two blades, three can or bottle openers, two screwdrivers, and a punch or marlin spike blade. The knife is pictured here about 1/8" larger than its original size of 3 5/8".

WANTED

Box for RS3333

and

Boy's Life from 1920-1930.

I have RS4233 and 4783 to trade.

Also looking for mint 3843.

Jim Pitblado

306 Euclid

Long Beach, CA 90814

(310)438-8678

Information just for You.

"Life Scout" preceded "Star Scout" until 1924.

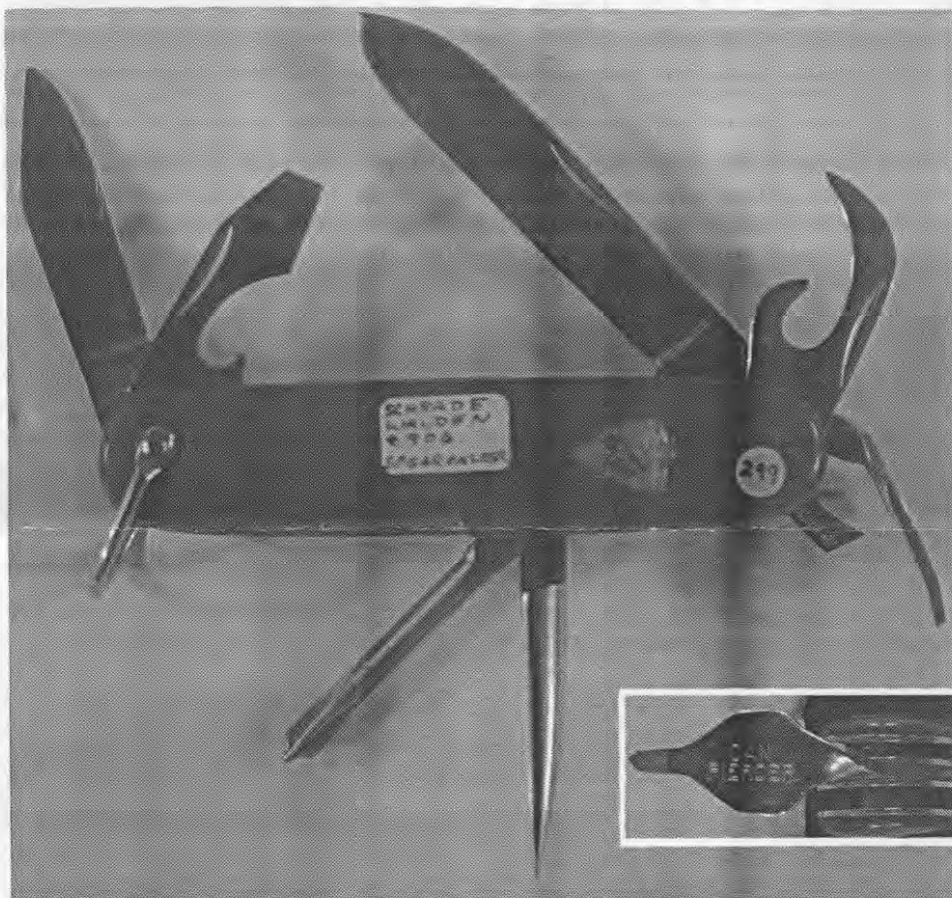
Look for the July 24, 1950 issue of "LIFE" magazine. It features the National Scout Jamboree.

The 21st Annual Oregon Knife Show will be held on April 13-14, 1996.

The Lone Scout is very close to getting "on line," and will be on very soon.

I heard that in Roanoke, VA, lock-blades are totally illegal to carry unless in conjunction with your job, and in a holster.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



The seven-blade #960 Spearmaster made by Schrade Walden. (Question) Who can tell me what the "can piercer" blade was called a few years back?

Something for the Memorabilia Collectors



Speaking of Eating... Here is a dandy little Girl Scout Lunch Pail. It is very colorful and has colored pictures of Girl Scouts in action on all five sides. It is about 3" x 6" x 4"



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Reader Answers K.K.K. Question.

In the June issue of Lone Scout Volume I, No. 12, I asked about the different numbers on the Kit Karson Kits.

My question was about the #1029 and why it didn't make Ed Holbrook's list or several others.

Here is the answer sent in by **Ed Holbrook**. Ed is the author of Official Scout Axes, Scout Memorabilia, September, 1993.

"On the Kit Karson Kit #1029, It just did not get into print. In 1948 when the **Western** sheath knives were introduced all others were dropped. The most common knife used in the #1029 kit was the #1378 4 1/2" blade (Western). Later, ads showed the smaller #1364 3 1/2" blade being used. So one size fits all. Western stopped official sheath knives in 1979, and in 1980 the 3 1/2" blade **Camillus B.S.A.** #1373 was introduced. The Kit Karson Kit was dropped in 1981, but the sheath combo was still offered in 1982-84 using the same B.S.A. 1029 number."



Kit Karson Kit (1977) Using the #1270 Jet Rocket Ax.



Kit Carson Kit #1029 (1980) "Carson" spelled with a "C."

Scouting History Through Memorabilia

One of the World's Top Collections of Scouting Memorabilia Goes on the Auction Block. The Bernie Miller Collection.

On October 14-15, one of the world's largest collection of scout memorabilia was put up for auction. The collection, which filled a 24-foot van to the top, was an accumulation of sixty-five years of collecting by Mr. Bernie Miller of New York.

Mr. Miller is a sixty year scouter, an eagle scout, a veteran, and a father. He attended the first National Jamboree in 1937. Mr. Miller has been awarded many distinguished honors and awards, and worked with Chief Scout Executives James West through Alden Barber.

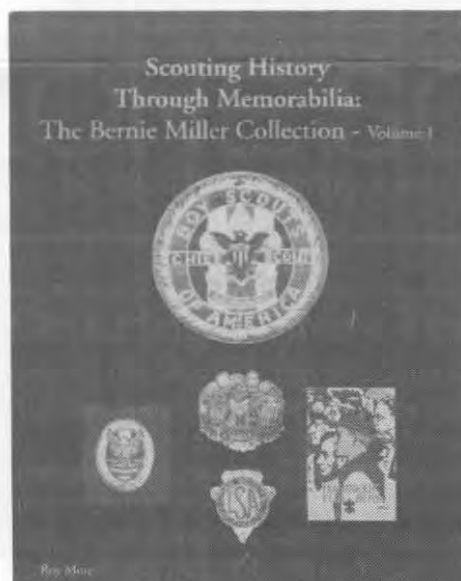
The Scout Patch Auction Service of Ann Arbor, Michigan was selected to handle the auction. **Mr. Roy More**, president of the service, compiled a 232 page book listing all the lots that would be up for bids. The book also contains history of the scout movement, and is organized in sections that reflect major aspects of the scouting program. This is a wonderful book with a slick red cover, and an 8-page full color section in the center. There are 1612 lots listed, and some lots contain 15 to 20 items or more. Each lot has an estimated value. Many of the badges presented have never been pictured or never sold, so their true value could vary. The lots vary in price from \$5 to \$20,000.

This was a write-in, call-in auction, with your bid put on paper along with the highest price you would pay. You also had the option of receiving a call-back on sale day, if you wanted to go higher when another bid surpassed yours.

I submitted a couple of bids for a few choice items, but don't know the outcome as yet.

By the way, The book Scouting History through Memorabilia is still available from the publisher for \$24.95.

I can only guess that there will be a Volume II some time later, as I doubt they will sell the entire collection in one auction. For you hackers, **The Scout Patch Auction Service** is also available on WWW.



Scouting History Through Memorabilia, Volume I, By Roy More.



Back Side: Mr. Miller shown at the 1971 World Jamboree.

This month's knife is rather unusual for a so called "scout" knife. When we think of scout or utility knives what comes to mind is the big 3 3/4" jack knife that will wear a hole in your pocket pretty quick. To me this is a different pattern for a four-blade scout. Would you call it a serpentine pen, premium stock, or what? It is 3 5/8" long with real nice bone handles. It has the usual four blades with one-piece can opener and punch. The shield says (scout knife) and it is made by **La Salle Cutlery Co.** Can't find any information on La Salle. The tang is marked with "La Salle Cutlery Co. (half circle) Chicago, Ill." That is all I know about it. The unusual shape and the fact that it said "scout knife," is what caught my eye when I purchased it this past summer at the N.K.C.A. Show in Springfield.

In **Goines**, I did find under the Safety Razor Section, La Salle 1930-33 (Black Blade Co.)

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Four-blade scout knife by La Salle Cutlery Co. Pictured actual size.

On the backside we were talking about the 1937 Jamboree, and how Bernie Miller was in attendance. Well, here is a page from a notebook carried to that Jamboree in 1937 sent to me by **Willis Hoy** of Russell, Ky. It is sort of a shopping list showing things that this scout purchased while at the Jamboree. Notice the first item, a **Holland knife** made by scouts from Finland that was purchased for **80 cents**. Pictured at right.

Wednesday, September 1, 1937

244th day - 121 days to come

Holland
 1 Finnish Knife - 80¢
 2 Rolls of film
 Small pipe - 30
 40¢
 40¢
 25¢
 1.80¢
 25¢
 25¢
 50¢
 2.00¢
 .80
 .80
 1.55
 .30
 1.50
 9.45
 10.65
 10.24
 10.65
 Piece of goods for neckerchief.
 40¢
 Fidelity Bonds for Mercantile Employees

1937 Jamboree Knife



Jamboree logo and date on handle. Knife, sheath and list owned by Willis Hoy.



And for the Memorabilia Collectors...



Shown here is a nice scout pencil box. It is about 3 3/4" x 8" and 1/2" deep. It is made of tin, very colorful, and was manufactured by Wallace Pencil Co.



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IN-PLANT REPRODUCTIONS

Being Prepared

The Boy Scouts of America in-plant
readies for on-demand printing
by installing and networking
a new DocuTech.



Patrick Geary (left), director of print production, and Bob Averitt, high-speed copier operator, at the BSA plant in Irving, Texas.

The Lone Sentinel

Who is this Lone Sentinel and
what was his purpose?



From time to time in collections I see this lone scout standing guard, usually all by himself. (Cont. Back Side)

Being Prepared

From In-Plant Reproductions, October, 1995

Written by Bob Neubauer, Editor.

Parts of the story reprinted with his permission

When Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, was once asked what, exactly, he wanted his scouts to be prepared for, his simple, yet deceptively profound response was, "why, for any old thing."

On any given day, that's precisely what the folks at the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in-plant can expect to get dropped in their laps; merit badge booklets, summer camp applications, training manuals, newsletters, forms--the shop must be prepared to print them all.

As an Eagle Scout and a former assistant scoutmaster, I was excited when I got the opportunity to tour the BSA print shop, located in the BSA national headquarters building in Irving, Texas. I saw a clean, efficient operation run by a man who is obviously proud of what the shop has done.

Patrick Geary, Director of Print Production BSA.

As director of print production for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Geary is no stranger to being prepared.

With 3,340,774 youth members and 1,065,506 adult volunteers across the country, the Irving, Texas based Boy Scout organization is an enormous one--and, predictably, one that requires a substantial amount of printing.

Geary also oversees purchasing and decides which jobs get sent out and which get done in-house. The monthly shop production rate is 650,000 impressions, so the 16-employee in-plant is always busy.

About 80 percent of the print orders he receives go through the in-plant, Geary says. Booklets make up about 65 percent of their work. Forms are another frequent job.

The shop uses a two-color Ryobi 3302 for its color work. Four-color jobs, Geary estimates, make up about 2 percent of the shop's volume--but their quality is always top notch. The BSA in-plant took second place in the four-color broadsides and flyers category of In-Print 95 this year.

A Good Turn for the Environment

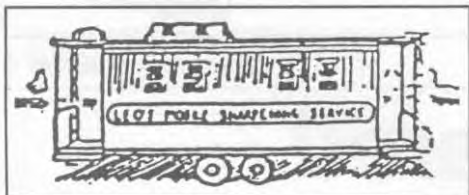
The BSA in-plant is run with an eye toward protecting the environment. Soy inks are used for all jobs, and leftover ink is stored and disposed of properly. Water-soluble solvents are also used, and all scrap paper is recycled.

Geary has been with the BSA in-plant since 1979, the same year the organization moved its headquarters--and its in-plant--from New Brunswick, N.J., to Texas. Though only a Cub Scout alumni himself, Geary served as an assistant scoutmaster for eight years, watching his son move all the way up to the rank of Eagle Scout. In a broader sense, he sees his professional work with the Boy Scouts as a continuation for the community service he provided as a volunteer.

"I'm very proud to be a member of the Boy Scout organization," he declares. "We are helping to develop good citizens."

Still Makes House Calls!

Here is a man in the knife sharpening business that still makes house calls.



As I drove past our local Gibson's store the other day, I saw this bright red "caboose" parked in the lot. It was being towed by a pickup truck, and as I got a little closer I could see a big sign on the side of the caboose. **Leo's Sharpening Service**, "service while you wait." He would sharpen your pocket knife for \$2.50. Kitchen knives were \$1.25, and hunting knives \$3.50.

His service also included: garden tools, scissors, mower blades, clippers, chain saws, machetes, wood chisels, tin snips, axes and more. All with satisfaction guaranteed.

First thing that came to mind was, "I'll bet he has some old pocket knives for sale?"

I was on my lunch hour so I would come back later with my camera and get a picture and a great story for the **Lone Scout**. Yup, you guessed it, after lunch he was gone... Nowhere in sight!

Later, I found an add listing all his services and the drawing of his "caboose" that you see pictured. Would have been nice to talk to him and get some pictures. Maybe I'll run into him again somewhere down the road.

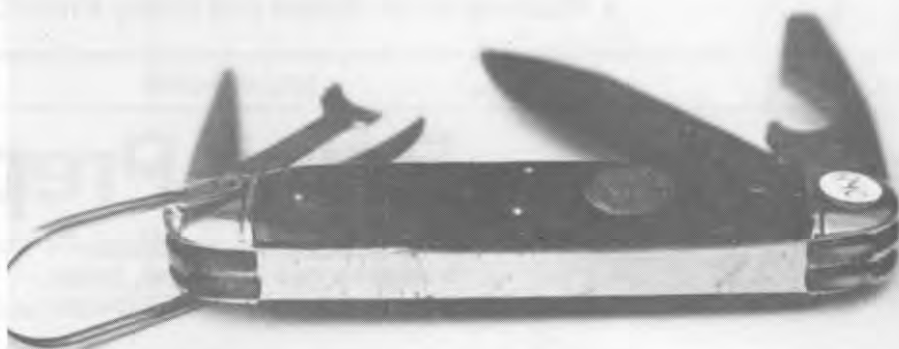
Lone Sentinel (Cont. from Front Side)

I wondered where he came from and what was his purpose? Was he just for decoration or some sort of award, or did he officially belong to the BSA?

I always wanted to have one because I thought he would make a nice decoration or addition when displaying my knives. I finally found one this past summer at a flea market. There were about five of them together on a shelf, but only one was in really good condition. They were made of cardboard about 1/16" thick, 7 3/4" high, with a wood block on the bottom to keep the figure standing upright.

Continued next month with the correct answer.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



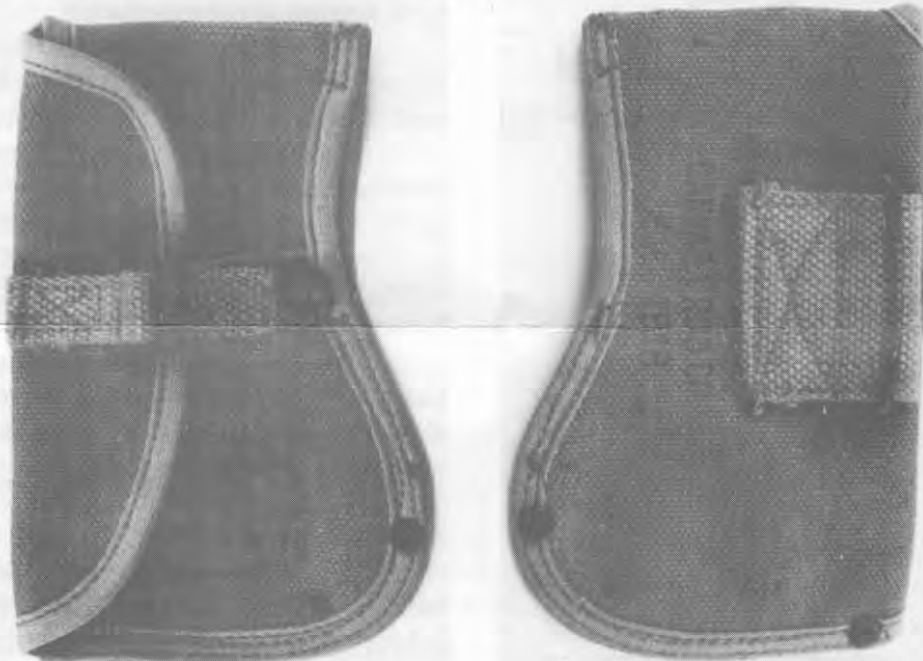
R4C--Remington Official Boy Scout

The knife of the month is this **R4C-Remington Scout Knife**. It is the standard 3 3/4" long, and has a round official scout shield. It has a long screwdriver (w/bump), and parallel lift tab on the can opener. The official BSA # is 1496, and manufacturing #RS3333. This rare knife was only around from 1933-1935.

The unusual part of this knife is the closed, or covered back spring. Note from the above picture that the spring cover is made into all four bolsters.

Thanks to **Ed Holbrook** for the picture and story on this unusual official scout knife.

No. 1479 Official Scout Canvas Axe Sheath



Front: Showing Official BSA Insignia.

Back: Showing manufacturer and date-1918.

Light weight and khaki color. Manufactured by Canvas Prod. Co.

Thanks again to **Ed Holbrook** for this nice piece of Boy Scout memorabilia.

Two months back when I featured the 7-blade utility knife with the "can piercer" blade, I asked what the blade used to be called? Well, **Ed** knew the correct answer to the question. It was called a "church key." Remember?



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Left-Right-Left-Right

Is it left, or is it right? That is the question?

When **Ulster Knife Company** came out with their Eagle shield facing one way, then turning it 180 degrees, it really got lots of folks confused. Especially confused would be the knife collectors years later when trying to figure all this out.

"Why the fuss over an eagle looking right or looking left is beyond me."

Back in 1988 in **Knife World**, **Dennis Ellingsen** wrote an article on Official Scout Knives. The article covered most knife companies including Ulster. About the eagle looking right or left, he said, "why the fuss over an eagle looking right or left is beyond me." (I call it a factory goof.)

Well, here is another theory sent to me by Mr. **Anthony Brzuchowski** of Belleville, Michigan.

I have a tidbit here about the early Ulster (Dwight Divine & Sons) Official Scout Knives, pertaining to the eagle head facing to the right or to the left. Only the Ulsters have this variation.

I believe I have an explanation for this, which has to do with the seal of the United States. On the seal of the U.S.A., the eagle's head is always to the right. Explanation: Right-the danger point and therefore the point of honor. Left-the sinister point of dishonor.

When the shields were made, by whom I do not know, this discrepancy was noticed and corrected to face right-point of honor. Later, the BSA noticed and had it corrected to their design to face left. Since then and to this day, (continued on back)

And Now...

The Rest of the Story.

Last month I asked about the lone sentinel scout that I have and that I have seen in several collections. I started the story, then continued it to this month with some answers about the little scout figure.

It seems that the sentinel is one of ten that came in the game of "**Boy Scouts Ten Pins.**" While looking through **Scouting History through Memorabilia**, the Bernie Miller Collection, I came across this scout game that pictured the cardboard figures sticking out of the edge of the box. Evidently, the game was played like bowling with the figures used like bowling pins. This probably explains why there are still some of the "pins" left, while the original box would be long gone. Also, I noticed that many of the "heads" are bent or almost broken off. I guess this happened after being banged around with some sort of ball.

This particular game, along with all the others pictured here, was up for bids at a call-in auction held last October by the **Scout Patch Auction Service** of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

All these games are very collectable, and don't come cheap. The Boy Scout Ten Pins listed value is \$250.00. I don't know if it sold or not? The game was made by the Milton Bradley Company.

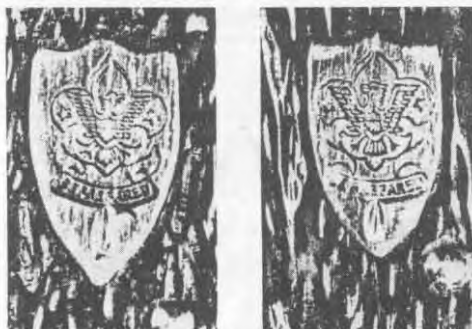
Does anyone have one of these games? Can you supply any information on this game?



A few years back there were many boy scout related games and puzzles on the market. Most of these were not official Boy Scout, or approved by the BSA. Picture from "**Scouting History Through Memorabilia**, The Bernie Miller Collection. Roy A. More, Publisher.

Left-Right, Continued from front side every Official Scout Emblem has the eagle facing to the left, Why? Maybe there is a Lone Scout reader out there that knows and is willing to share his answer.

Anthony Brzuchowski



Here are the shields in question. Taken from the **Knife World** article by **Dennis Ellingsen** mentioned earlier.

Something else to question? Are we talking about the eagle looking to your left or his? I think it is **his** left.

Quite confusing isn't it??

Denver Knife Show

Denver will **not** have their annual show in January this year.

I was talking to one of the club members and he said that they might try to hold it in June or later this next year. They want to try to get some of the "big boys" to come, and most of them are booked until later in the summer. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything. It will probably be posted in the "knife" publications, also.

Don't forget the **Oregon Knife Show**, on April 13-14. It is still the "Largest Cutlery Show West of the Mississippi." Phone (503)484-5564 for more information.

Merry Christmas to All!

I want to be the first to wish you and yours a **Very Merry Christmas**, and a **Happy New Year**. I hope the coming year will be a good one for you.

Make a New Year's resolution right now to write to me next year. Tell me about your favorite knife, or send me a picture of scout memorabilia I can use in the **Lone Scout**. Being a printer, I can use almost any thing you send me and make it work for the newsletter.



KNIFE OF THE MONTH



L. F. & C. UNIVERSAL BOY TROOPER 03862

Here is a dandy utility knife made by **Landers, Frary, & Clark Cutlery Company**, or otherwise known as **L. F. & C.** It is a standard four-blade utility/scout made back between 1930 and 1941, while L.F.&C. was in business. It has an interesting shield with a boy scout "trooper" embossed on it. The knife is old and in poor shape, but still has part of the deep etch on the blade. Says: **UNIVERSAL (Boy Scout) BOY TROOPER**. Notice the odd can opener which should date this one quite awhile back. It measures 3 5/8" long and is tang marked with the number 03862.



Finally...

I knew if I waited long enough and ate all my peas and carrots, that the Good Lord would some day smile upon me, and He did. I finally got the **Remington knife box** pictured above. It was made in the late 1920's or early 1930's, and is made of wood. The inside is divided into 12 sections where Remington had placed their scout or utility knives for sale. The inside is blue velvet.

I don't know any history on the box, and wish someone could help me. I presume the knives sold as a set, but don't know for sure. The inside of the lid has a colorful scene of scouts camping, and the other end is a family having a picnic with their old motor car in the background.

Mine came without the knives you always see pictured: the red, white, and blue striped handles; several scout or utility knives; and a couple of others that are not even made by Remington.

Anyway, I was sure glad to finally add the box to my collection.



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He's Back...



Official Scout with Official Rifle.

It seems like you spend a lot of time trying to find a particular item, then you finally find one. Then, right away you find another one.

Yup, I found another little sentinel scout. This little guy is pictured half of his actual size of 5 3/4 inches. He is similar to the larger one I pictured in the November issue. The big difference is look what he is packing! A rifle, no flag for him.

I found three, and as you can see, they were all bent at the knees and head just like the larger one I found earlier. Making me wonder if these were also used in a **Ten Pins Game?**

I also had a note from **Brad Easterbrook**, he had a comment on the sentinel scout also.

"The lone scout you have, I'm almost positive, is not even an American scout. I base this on the style of uniform the scout is wearing. Our scout uniforms for youth members never had a tie. Also, we never had long stockings with the upper designs as shown. I do not know what country he is from, but I suspect it is England in the 1920's or 30's."

What Name Does Thou Givest?

Ever wonder where they come up with all those names for different "scout Knives"? Not the official knives, but everything else that says "scout" on the shield.

I got to looking at my different shields and wondered just how many different names we could come up with. I will start a list with the ones I have, and you could send me any you have from your collection. Now, I'm only interested in the shield, not on the blade or any where else. It must have the word "scout" in it somewhere. I have pictured some examples below.



From Left: Scout, (Old English), Imperial; Scouts Prepare, J. Primble; Standard Scout, 4-Line Camillus; Made for Scouts, Ka-Bar.

I don't really care what knife the shield is on or who made the knife, but it would be nice to know. I will compile a list and publish it in the newsletter.

Here is what I have including those pictured. Compare them with the ones you actually have, and we will see what develops.

SCOUTER
SCOUT
EMPIRE SCOUT KNIFE
STANDARD SCOUT
SCOUTS
SCOUT TOOL

BOY SCOUT
SCOUT KNIFE
MADE FOR SCOUTS
BOY SCOUTS
SCOUTS PREPARE
BOY SCOUT

Also, who can tell me what **Official Scout Knives** have the word "scout" in a shield? Not very many, I could only find three. Are there others? Answer on back side.

Ever wear one of these? Hope not. (Cont. On Back Side)



SALZ BROS., N. Y.

Anyone have any ideas on this name? I found a nice pen and pencil set and it came with a small pocket knife all packaged in a case. Looks to be from the 1930's or 1940's. The knife is marked with the **SALZ BROS., N. Y.** name in the usual spot, along with the pen and pencil. Anyone collect old pens or pencils, or have a book on them?

**Looking for a
3843 Remington
in mint condition?
Call 503-728-2594
Ask for Jerry**

Ever wear one of these ?

I doubt it. Maybe your wife did. Do you know what it is? I found it in a flea market in Denver and I knew what it looked like, but I couldn't see a boy scout wearing one.

It is a chain with alligator clips on both ends that a woman would wear to keep her sweater on and not have to button it. The ends are white enamel with the scout badge in gold. The chain is gold.

I ran into another just like it, only it was still on the original card. It was dated 1957. The clips have a patent number on back that dates to the 1958-59 era.

When I first found it, I looked through my scout catalogs thinking it was newer than the fifties, but could not find it. My catalogs don't go back very far. Then like I said about finding one article then finding the same thing soon after, I ran into one still on the card that was dated.

Anyway, It must have been worn by the mother of a boy scout.

The picture shows the article actual size.

How Many Can You Find?

1. R3333 Remington "Acorn Shield" scout knife.
2. Kershaw 1372 Official Scout with B.S.A. seal, Boy Scouts of America.
3. Camillus R.W.B. Eagle Scout. (Not really a shield)

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

More information on Cardinal Cutlery Corp.

By Ed Holbrook

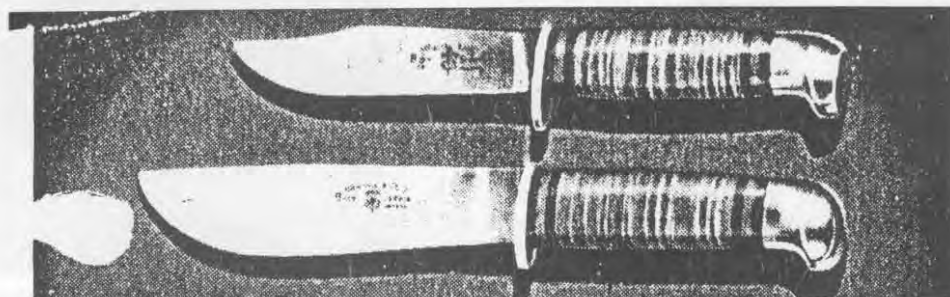
Back in the July '95 issue of Lone Scout, **Bob Torek** asked for information on two Cardinal Cutlery knives. **Ed Holbrook** was kind enough to submit these pictures and information for our readers.

Cardinal Cutlery Corporation, New York, 1945-1948.

Cardinal Cutlery Company made two official sheath knives from 1945 to 1948, before the Western sheath knives were introduced. The small knife had a 4-inch blade and used the same B.S.A. number 1562 as the Marbles Sport Pattern. The larger knife with a 5-inch blade used the B.S.A. number 1553, same as the Ka-Bar model. These knives were used to fill the needs after World War II.

Both knives have a leather washer handle and aluminum end cap. The blade is etched with the official B.S.A. seal. The hilt is also marked on the blade side with the company name.

Ed is looking for a 5-inch blade Cardinal knife like the one pictured. He would appreciate any help in finding one.



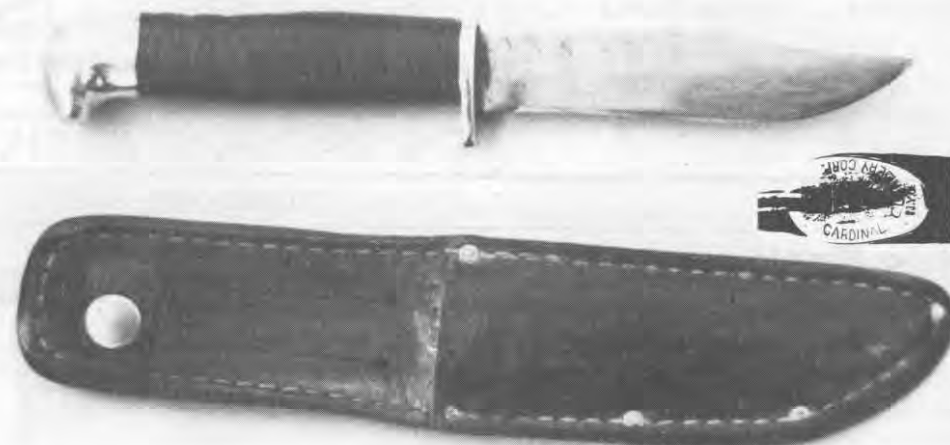
Special Sheath Knives

Here's your chance to get a genuine Official Sheath Knife at a terrific bargain price! These solid steel knives, each with leather sheath, must be sold to make room for the new Frontiersman model—act today!

No. 1562 Small Knife and No. 1553 Large Knife.....Each \$1.25
Reduced from \$1.95 and \$2.50!

Top: An old ad from 1945-48 showing the two Cardinal knives for sale. You could buy both the 1562 and 1553 on sale for \$2.50. What a deal!

Bottom: Photo from Ed Holbrook showing a Cardinal 4-inch blade knife. Also, the official B.S.A. sheath with seal. (Insert) The Company name on the hilt.





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Meet Collector

Julian B. Fowler

Bennettsville, SC

Fellow Collectors: My name is **Julian B. Fowler**. I have held many positions as a youth and adult since I became a scout in 1960. I am an Eagle Scout and served as chief for three years in our local OA lodge. As an adult, I have been involved with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts serving in the following positions: Webelos Leader, Asst. Scout Master, Scoutmaster and have been involved in the troop, district, and council level. Currently, I am the Council Camping Chairman and Scoutmaster of 28 young men. I am a three-bead Wood Badge trained scouter, currently holding Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Awards.

As a scout collector, I have an extensive BSA Literature collection, and have made the choice to collect everything on four different subjects: Camping, Cooking, Pioneering, and Canoeing. My specialty is in the area of Official Boy Scout Axes. I have done a great deal of research work in this particular field and will soon be publishing my findings. I have determined BSA marketed 85 Official Boy Scout Axes manufactured by eight different companies.

I spent time in my office corresponding, writing, and understanding this wide open area of Scout Memorabilia. I attend most of the Southern trade-o-rees and have communicated with another Lone Scout member, **Ed Holbrook** for quite sometime. At present, I am in contact with and know of ten Official Scout Axe Collectors. I have met many fine scouters from all over the USA and will be delighted to assist any of you who are interested in this area. If there is continued interest, I will include articles for publishing in the Lone Scout.

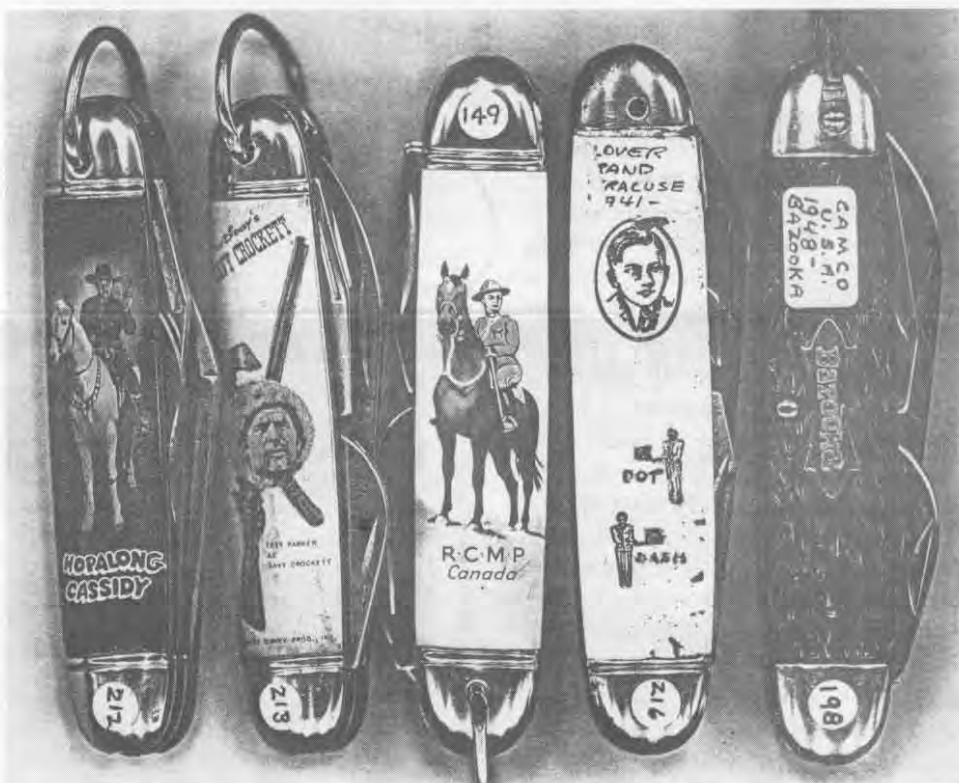
Yours in Scouting,

Julian B. Fowler

Characters--- Scout/Utility Pattern

Back when I was in the scouts, (Back in '06), everyone wanted a pocket knife to carry because you always wanted to "be prepared," right? Most of us had some kind of utility knife or scout pattern knife to carry. If you were lucky enough to own an Official Boy Scout Knife, you probably received it as a gift or for some special occasion. Let's face it, we just didn't have seven or eight bucks for an official knife in those days.

I remember having a **Camillus** scout pattern knife that I carried all the way to Philmont, but never got back home with it, but that is another story. Anyway, if you had a scout pattern knife it would have plastic or real bone handles, and maybe a shield that said "scout." You would never, and I repeat never, carry a scout type knife with a picture of "Hoppy," "Popeye," or some cartoon character on the handle. That was just not cool, or not macho, if you know what I mean. No way would you want the others fellows to see you with a "Mickey Mouse" scout knife. Now, collectors like myself, shell out \$75 to \$80 for a "Hoppy," or "Daniel Boone" utility knife. I wonder just how many of those character knives I could have accumulated as a kid? Let me tell you, as a collector of scout and character knives, the rare character knives are a lot harder to come by these days than good scout knives. **(Cont. on back side)**



From Left: Hammer Brand "Hopalong Cassidy;" Imperial "Davy Crockett;" Richards "Royal Canadian Mounted Police;" Clover Brand "Morse Code;" and Camco "Bazooka" bubble gum. Most of these are from the 1950's.

(Character Knives, from front side)

I believe **Dennis Ellingsen** will back me up on this, also.

I go to a few shows every year and it is rare to even see a good character knife of any style anymore, while most scout knives can still be purchased if you have the bucks. Don't get the flood of character knives that are out today confused with the old knives of the 1950's and before. Most of the good ones were made by **Hammer Brand, Camillus, Colonial, or Camco**. The new ones are mostly made by **U.S.**

So, next time you go to a flea market, or garage sale, look for the scout/utility character knives, (or any character knife)... The hard ones to find.

Boy Scouts In Camp

Dear Frank:

Since my South Carolina friend **Julian Fowler**, sent me copies of your newsletter, I have had a chance to see your report on the stand-up cardboard scout figures. As they say, "here is the rest of the story," at least part.

One of the first scout memorabilia items I ever acquired (25 years ago) was a full set of the figures like yours with the rifle. They came in a box 10.5" x 23.5" containing 44 figures and a paper tent. The tent was printed "Boy Scouts Company A" and "Patented April 7, 1914." The tent had a flag sticking out the top. I believe originally there were several tents with Company A, B, etc. This would allow boys to divide up the figures and play a Capture the Flag game. There was no cover with this set so I didn't know who made it. I swallowed hard and paid the \$25 asking price. Since then it has been granted a spot on the family room wall.

More recently, I have had similar sets with 88 figures and with 22 figures. The covers (as shown on enclosed copy) show several different types of figures in a beautiful lithographed print. The riflemen predominate, but the others add a great deal of interest. The display value of the covers make them a major part of the value of a set.

Since rifles were shown, it could not have a BSA connection, and it is not English (see the logo on the drum with an eagle on the fleur-de-lis.) Also, the makers name, **McLoughlin Brothers New York** shows it is American. The actual

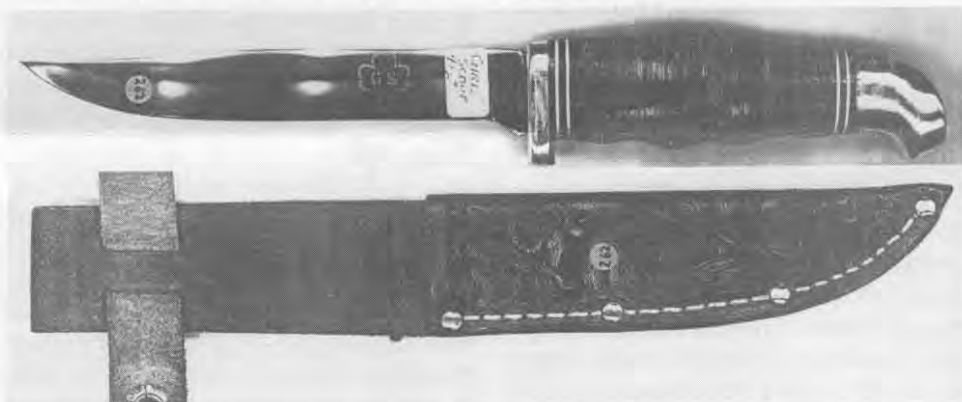
KNIFE OF THE MONTH

Legitimate Girl Scout?

Here is one that I need some help on.

Several years ago I bought two of these sheath knives from a guy out East. They are stamped with the **GS** logo, and are in mint condition. The entire knife measures 8 1/4" long, with a 4 1/2" blade. It has a leather washer handle with white plastic spacers. The handle also has finger grips. The hilt and end cap are aluminum. There are no manufacturer marks or numbers on the knife anywhere. It came with a nice flowered sheath with no marks also. It is a very light weight knife, and looks like a "**Queen**" product to me.

Anyone have one like it, or know anything about it?



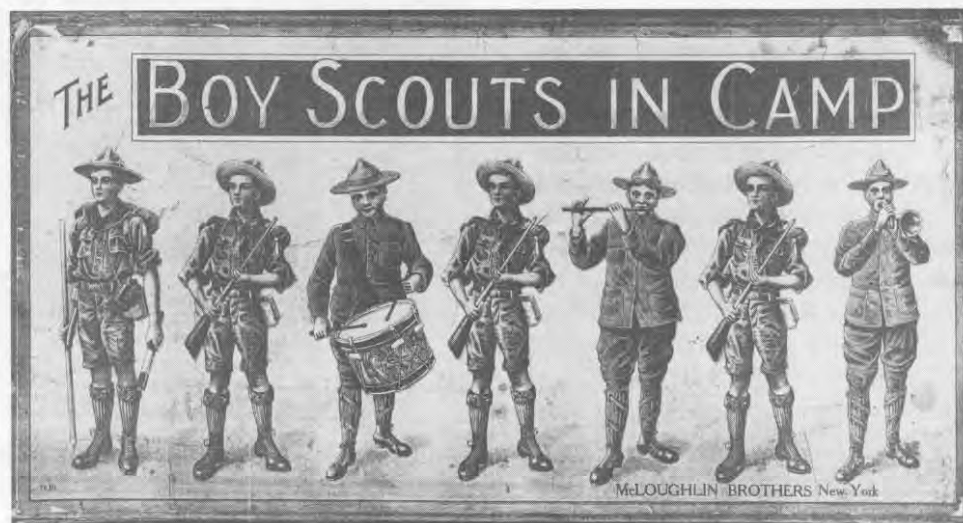
organization which was the inspiration for this game was the American Boy Scouts. That group was an early military emphasis which explains the rifles. (How the BSA drove the American Boy Scouts out of business is another interesting story. See Murray's History of the BSA.)

An interesting side light is that many of the cardboard figures you may find will have round indentations towards the head. This is because boys saw them as perfect targets for their B-B guns.

The other copy enclosed shows four sizes of similar figures I have found. The only complete sets have been like the one you described with the rifle, and the same size as yours. I have never found any sets of the large figure in the McLoughlin style. The dark colored figures like your first one may be from the Boy Scout Ten Pin Games. In that type, I have only found these two lone sentinels.

Cal Holden

Doylestown, OH



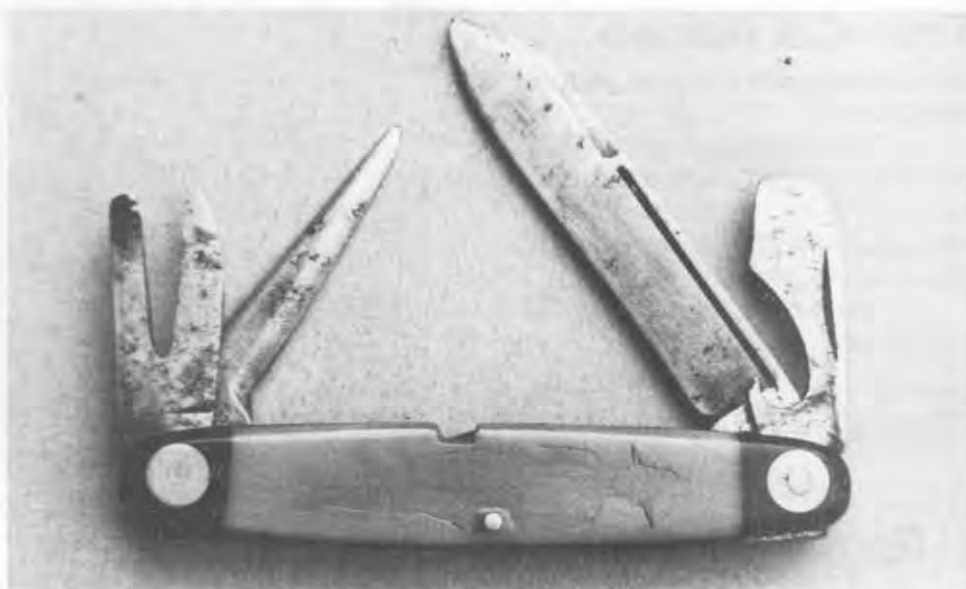
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I still had a little more to say, so I added more pages this month.

About the letter from **Cal Holden**, I want to thank him for this nice story and pictures about the "Boy Scouts In Camp."

This really fit in well with what I have been talking about for the past few months, and was glad to receive this information. It seems like any thing you want to know, someone out there will be able to give you some information about the subject.

So, remember this when you are wanting to know about that "oddball" knife you have in your collection, and can't find any information on it.



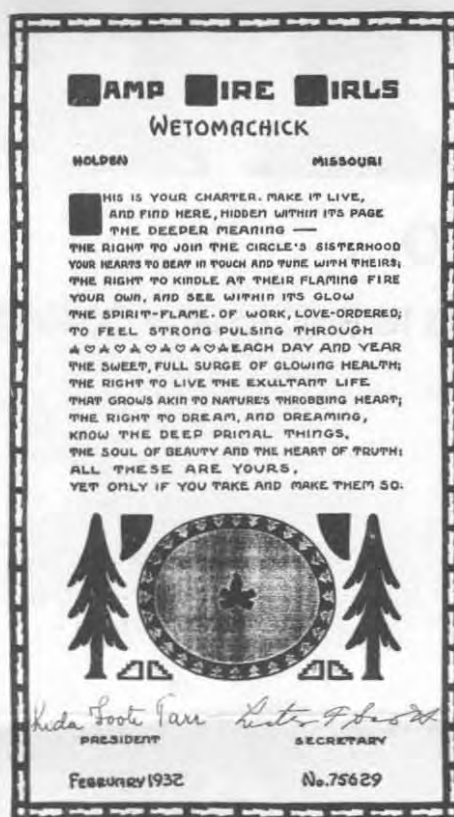
Memorabilia from 1932

Here is a nice piece of Camp Fire Girls memorabilia.

While checking the flea markets over Christmas, I came upon this nice Camp Fire Girls original charter. It is framed up nice and looks to be in its original frame, still all sealed in back. It measures 10" x 16" and is very colorful. It was printed in the old days of letterpress, and I can appreciate the time it took to put down the five or six colors of ink.

Looks like the charters were printed ahead of time. Then, when a new chapter was started, someone hand lettered the name, town, number and date in, like this one.

Notice the **1932** date on this charter.



Second Knife of the Month

Here is one that you don't see everyday. **Ed Holbrook** sent in this picture of a non-official scout pattern knife made by **Pacific Hardware & Steel Co.** It was made in San Francisco from 1901 to 1918. This rare knife is 3 3/8" long, and has black celluloid bolsters. All blades are marked, and notice the birds eye rivets. The handles are celluloid "waterfalls" material and has a boyscout imbedded in the handle as you can see in the picture.

Waterfalls handle material is fancy celluloid that when turned has the appearance of water falling. Ed said, "I only collect official scouts, but this was one I could not pass up."

Two More...

Two more men will be receiving the **Lone Scout** for the first time this month.

Say Hello to:

Julian Fowler, Bennettsville, SC
Cal Holden, Doylestown, OH

More "Scout" Shields

Here are a few more "scout" shields to add to your list.

Sent in by **John Gerhardt of Lafayette, CO**

CASE SCOUT
CASE SCOUT JR.
O.V.B. SCOUT
JUNIOR SCOUT
SUPER SCOUT
HOPPE" WERWOLF No. 200 (German Scout)

These men were also good enough to send me an article this month to publish.

Julian should be able to answer any questions you might have on scout axes, and we will get him to write an article for us later.

Cal seems to know his stuff on scout memorabilia, and I bet we can get an article or two out of him also. We will look forward to hearing from these two men in issues to come.



Finally, I got on line. You can reach me by **email**. Later, maybe a home page.

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I will be expecting to hear from you.

Any one have a "**Boy Scout Commemorative Rifle**" for sale or trade? Either the "Boy Scout," or "Eagle Scout."

From Cal Holden

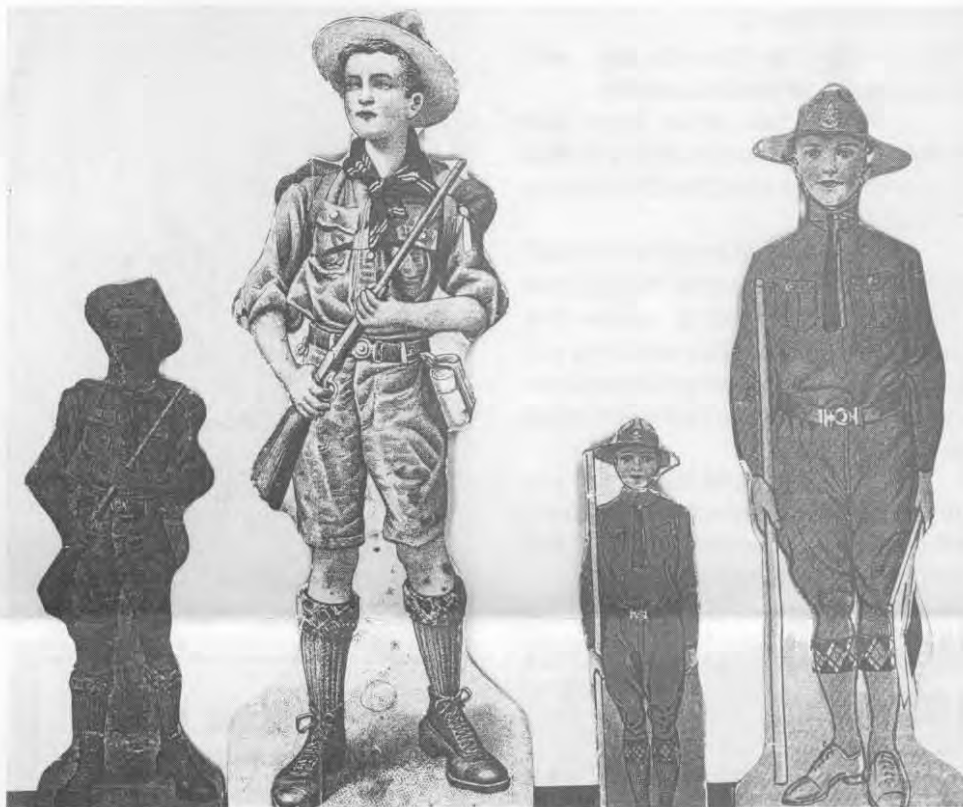
Pictured at right is the other picture that Cal sent.

This picture shows four different sizes of scout sentinels that Cal has found. Notice the two on the right, they are not the same. One is holding a small flag in his left hand.

The picture shown is shot at one-half size of the original.

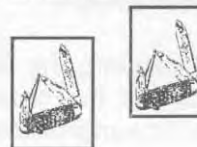
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Garden City, KS
February 24-25**

**Colby, KS
March 9-10**



A Pair to Draw to...

A nice pair of Scout Knives to add to any collection.



The **Remington RS4233** is a nice addition to my collection, and I was glad to get it.

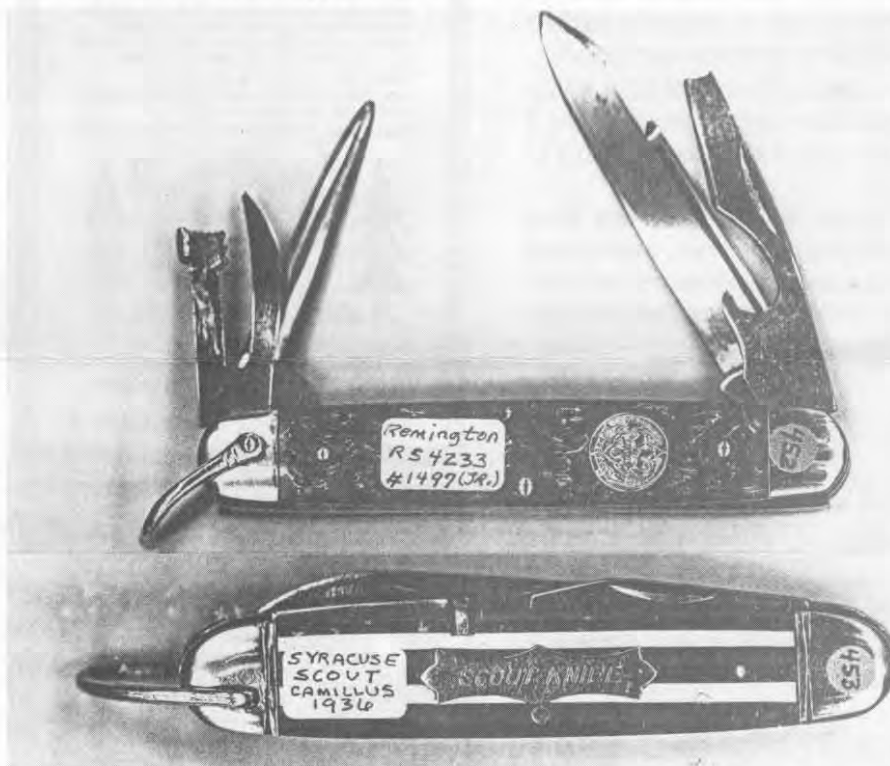
It measures 3 3/8" long and is an Official Scout Knife. It has the "long screwdriver" blade and the bolsters are smooth. It is also called the "**Jr. Scout**."

Sargent's book also lists two other RS4233 knives. The "Little Scout" with short screwdriver blade, and the acorn scout shield with pinched bolsters.

The second knife pictured is not official scout, but has a plain acorn shield. It has the short screwdriver blade also. The main blade is different than the blade on the two scout knives.

The 3 5/8" red, white, and blue handle "scout knife" is also a very collectable knife. It is the standard four-blade scout pattern with the "scout knife" shield. The main blade is marked, **SYRACUSE KNIFE COMPANY Syracuse, N. Y.** I believe this knife was made by **Camillus** in about 1936.

When I got my **Remington** box awhile back, my goal was to fill it with red, white, and blue handled knives. This one makes ten, I have two to go.



Top: Remington Official Scout Knife number RS4233. Also called "Jr. Scout" BSA #1497.

Bottom: Red, white, and blue handled scout/utility pattern "scout knife." This one is marked "Syracuse Knife Company, Syracuse N.Y." I believe it was made by Camillus in about 1936.



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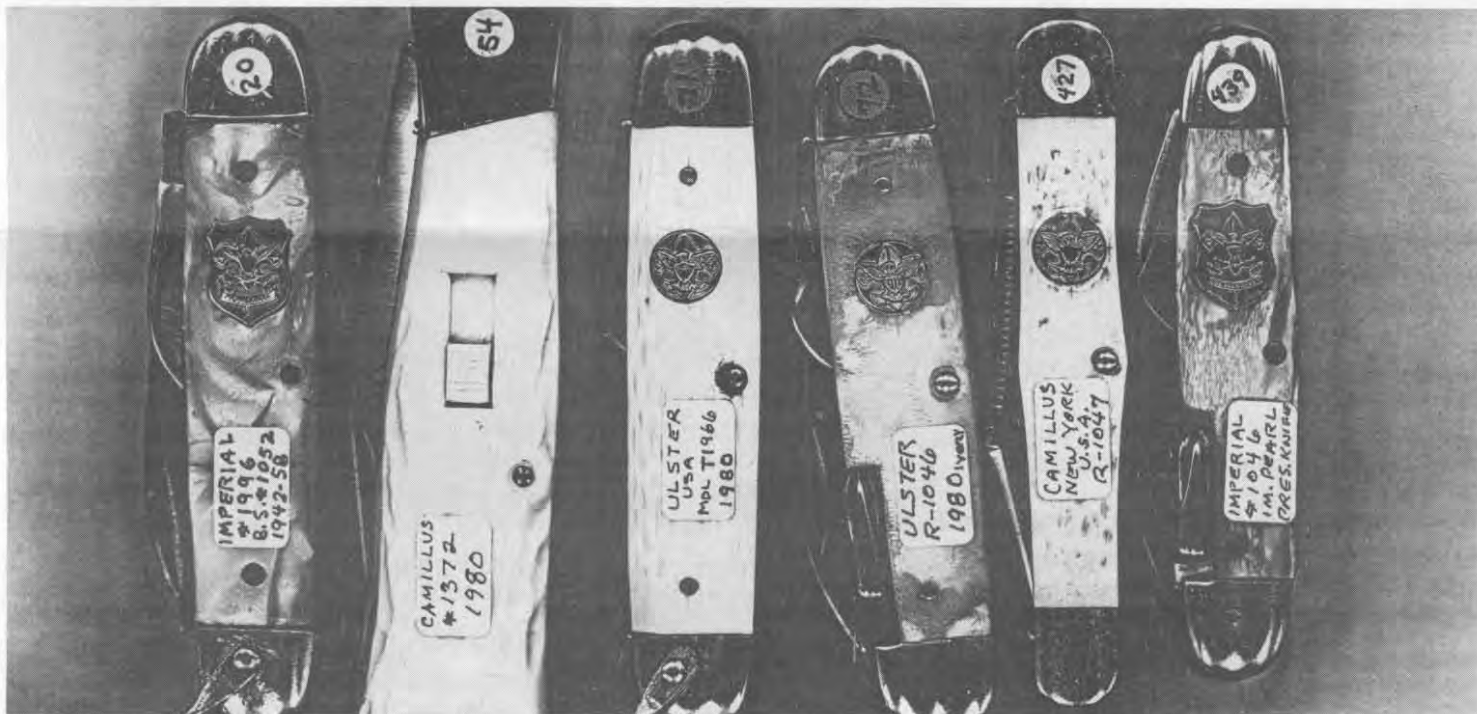


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Something in "White," perhaps?



I wonder why the Boy Scouts would make knives with "white" handles? White is not usually associated with the outdoors, or the rough and tough. Normally, the dark brown bone or stag handle materials are pictured in ads with the scout or camper. Maybe the scouts of today don't get down in the dirt like we used to and play "mumbley peg" with their knives?

My oldest white "cracked ice" handle knife is an **Imperial #1996, B.S. #1052** and was around from 1942-58. This is the one that has the celluloid handles that will rust everything close to it. (I believe I finally solved that problem. See Lone Scout issue vol. 2, #1.) Almost all other white handled knives seem to come after the 1980's.

The "big" 4 1/2" knife pictured is a **Camillus Adventurer #1372**, with a safety lock. (No round tenderfoot shield.) The #1372 was introduced in 1980.

Next, is the common **Ulster #T-1966** 3 3/4" with ivory colored plastic handles, 1980. Ulster changed its handle color to ivory in 1980.

The next **Ulster R-1046** was introduced in 1980 also, this one has smooth ivory handles.

The three-blade whittler was made by most companies and comes in a variety of colors. This one is by **Camillus** and is the **R-1047**. It has white plastic handles, and I'm not sure on the date of introduction. The black model with first class

emblem was made from 1946-1950. So, I'll bet the white handle didn't come along until much later.

The final knife is another **Imperial #1046**, but is only 3 1/2" long. It has imitation pearl handles and is called the "**Scoutmaster Presentation Knife**." It was also made after 1980.

There are many others with white or ivory colored handles, and I will try to list a few.

Imperial #T-1045. Economy model with tenderfoot emblem stamped on the handle. Came in a variety of colors in 1980.

***New York Knife #BS3.** Genuine pearl.

***Ulster Knife Co. #4063L.** Genuine pearl.

***Ulster Knife Co. #1996.** White plastic, five-blade model.

***Camillus #1052.** Cracked ice (Nu-Pearl) handles.

Camillus also makes an ivory colored **Cub Scout Knife #1885**, with the standard three-blade and locks.

I'm sure there are many more out there, but you can see by the number I have mentioned, this would be a good area to collect in...White Handle Scout Knives.

*Taken from Levine's 3rd Ed. Article written by **Dennis Ellingson**.

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Cardboard Scouts are still out there.

Letter from John Gerhardt
Lafayette, CO

Dear Frank:

Thought I'd drop you a line about two items you featured in the Lone Scout in February.

I received it on 2-24-96 (Sat.) and on Sunday I ran across a "Camp Fire Girls" charter from Milliken, CO. "SHUTANKA" dated Oct., 1920 and # 22078. I bought it-- not sure why--for trading or selling I guess?

Today, 3-7-96 we were in Greely, CO., and saw the "Boy Scout Company B" stand-up cardboard figures--44 (complete set) with one stiff paper tent with Company "A" printed on it and the small stick with flag attached.

I was quite excited about the find, but the asking price was up with the thin air--\$395.00.

The box cover was not like the one you illustrated and I saw no mention of McLoughlin Bros., N. Y.

Anyway, I thought it was something to run across those two items just after receiving your paper.

Just for clarification: That "German Scout Knife," had a shield marked **Boy Scout Knife**, and "**Hoppe Werwolf No. 200**" was stamped on brass metal enclosing the back springs.

John

LITTLE SCOUT

From W. F. Harney
Minot, ND

Add the name "**Little Scout**" to your list of scout shields.

Thanks to **John** and **William** for the always welcome mail.

Scout Memorabilia

We have **Ed Holbrook** to thank once again for the memorabilia you see pictured at right. This piece is out of his personal collection.

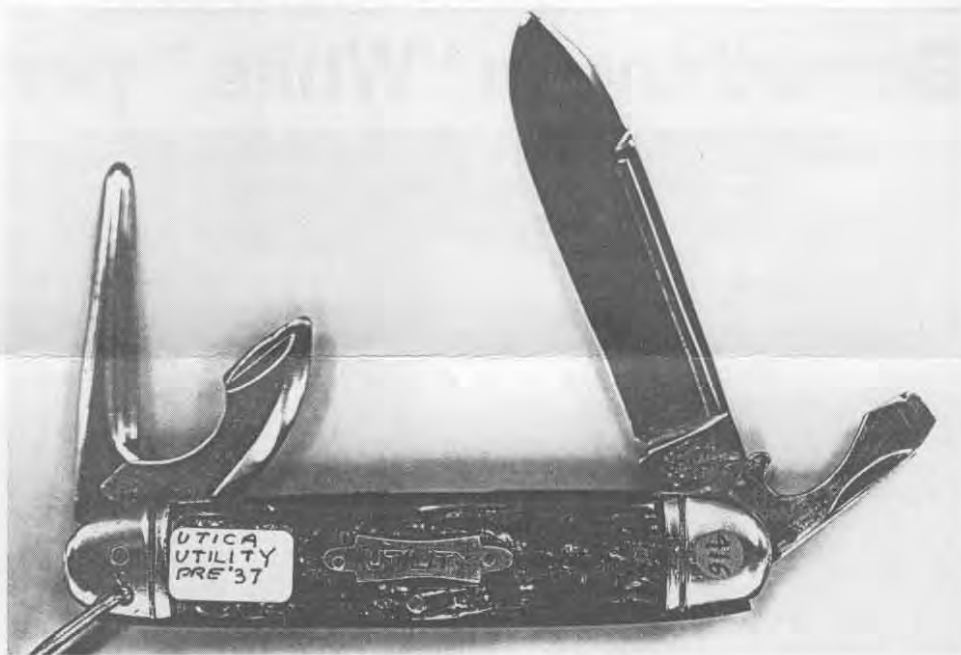
This is a "**5-in-1 Mystery Hidden Scout Compass**."

The dial fits inside and snaps together. A nut protects the pivot pin when not in use. It is 1 1/4" in diameter. No date on this one.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

A Utility Knife, for Sure

At least, UTICA thought so...



Pre-1937 UTICA "Utility" knife. Notice the "Utility" shield that is used, and how low the bail is on the knife.

Pictured is a **UTICA** utility knife that goes back a few years. This four-blade utility is 3 5/8" long, and has the usual combination of blades. The "curved" UTICA mark was used by Utica before 1937 when the name was changed. The tang is marked, **UTICA CUTLERY CO. UTICA, N. Y.**

During this period (1933), Utica also added the "Featherweight" name to its list of registered trademarks. This mark indicates aluminum bolsters and liners that make them lightweight, and is one of the Official Girl Scout Knives.

Most people today don't know much about the Utica Knife Co., but are more familiar with the "Kutmaster" trademark. Utica registered this name in 1937-38, and is on most of their knives today.

Bruce Voyles in Antique Knives writes: "The knife company in Utica, New York may possibly be the sleeper company of knife collecting. Utica knives without the "Kutmaster" mark should be just as valuable to collectors as Case Tested or other knives of the same age, they are not-- This should give beginning collectors an opportunity to get in on the ground floor!"





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A Little More About...

Bradford Estabrook

Worcester, MA



Brad Estabrook-45 Years in Scouting

I joined scouting as a Cub Scout back in 1950 and have been in the program continuously for 45 years. I am a retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer with 24 years service. I am currently servicing scouting as the Advancement Chairman for my district in the Mohegan Council.

My main area of collecting is scouting insignia from Order of the Arrow, through all the branches of scouting. My speciality is the 4" long program strips that are found over the right breast pocket of the scout uniform. I have cataloged these strips and published a catalog. **"A Guide to Collecting Program Strips of the Boy Scouts of America."** That publication is now being updated and will soon be for sale once again.

As part of my overall interest in scouting memorabilia collecting, it is only natural that I have found interest in collecting scout knives. My collection of 47 knife variations is small, but expanding with time. Most knives were obtained at flea markets or knife shows in Jacksonville, Florida or here in New England.

That is about it. **Brad**

(Brad was featured in Vol. 2, No. 3)

How is Your Czechoslovakian? Russian? Austrian?

MINE IS NOT THAT GOOD.



When **Willis Hoy** of Russell, KY sent me this picture of his latest find and needed help I said, No Way! Looks like a nice scout knife from some foreign country, but where?

First thing you notice is the Morse Code, but wait! What happened to the "Q," "W," and "X"? Whatever language it is, they must not use these letters.

The knife is shown actual size, about 3 5/8" long. It has 6-blades and a picture of a "scout" on the bottom, and a scout emblem on the top. The only tang mark is, "Robert Steel."

In case you can't make out the letters, here they are. Across the back: **CSERKESZBOLT**, and on the bottom: **TORV.VED.**

See what you can do with identifying this one for Willis.

NKCA Show in the Midwest

If you would like a National Show in the Denver area, drop a line to: **Steve Sanders, Chairman of Sponsored Shows, P.O. Box 21070, Shallowford Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37424.** Or you can write the Headquarters to **Lisa Broyles** and express your wishes to her.

The Lone Sentinel...

The Last Word.

I have enclosed a couple of pages on the "cardboard scouts." This should put an end to the mystery and history of the "ten pins." This information was sent to me by **John Vacca**, Coal City, IL. As you can see, it came from **"Scout Memorabilia."**

Over 100 Scout/Utility Knives For Sale!

Jim and Cindy Taylor's knife catalog, August issue, will contain over 100 Scout/Utility knives for sale. If you don't already subscribe to their publication and are interested in these knives, you still have time to get on the mailing list.

Send \$5.00 for a years subscription to:

Jim and Cindy Taylor
Box 624
Mansfield, MA 02048
508-226-5157

Denver Gun/Knife Show--May 4-5

The **Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors** will have their knife show in conjunction with the **Crossroads of the West Gun Show** this year. The show will be held at the Holiday Inn John Q. Hammond Trade Center in Denver, located at Interstate 70 and Chambers Road.

For a \$5.00 donation you can be a benefactor member and be eligible for five custom handmade knives. (1) Barrett-Skinner (2) Mark Blevens-Bowie (3) Ken Brock-Miniature (4) Tim Largent-Hunter (5) Barry Wood/Mike Erie-Folder (Wood-Irie & Co.)

Send Your \$5.00 to:

John J. Gerhardt
4099 Carriage Ct.
Lafayette, CO 80026
1-303-828-0108

You still have time if you hurry. John will see that your name gets in the drawing. For more information on the knives or the show, call **Fred Clark, President.** 1-719-488-3917.

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Will pay Big Dollars for it.
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KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Here is a real dandy sent in by **Brad Estabrook** of Worcester, MA. At first glance it looks like an ordinary Yachtsman's knife, but look at the blade etch, "BOY SCOUTS." The length is 4 1/2" long and is tang marked: **PROLIFIC H. B. & SON, Ltd. Sheffield.** The handle material is smooth black bone. Brad has had this knife in his collection for 10 years and would like help or information on it. I couldn't find much on "Prolific" in the usual places, but I'll bet some of you can help him.

Scout Memorabilia



Official Boy Scout HANDI-KRAFT KNIFE

Pictured is a handy woodcarving set complete with original box. This was sent in by **Ed Holbrook**, and dates back to 1960-1985. It has three detachable carving blades that are stored in the handle. Looks like BSA # 2694.

Plan now to attend the NKCA Show in Springfield, MO., on July 5-7. Several of the "Lone Scouts" have indicated to me that they will be there.



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Lone Scout will be modified

In the next few months the Lone Scout may be a somewhat modified version, as I will not be working in the printshop. One of the advantages of working for the school system is having most summers off. Therefore, I won't have use of the printing equipment. During the summer, we drain all processors and shut everything down until August when school starts again. I will try to work something out, but may have to use the copier, and pictures don't come out very clear. So, bear with me and I will be back on track in August.

IT'S A WHAT?



It's a knife sharpener.

But it looks like a piece of wire and two marbles? That's what it is! It has a PAT. PEND. mark on the side of the wire handles. Actual size is a hair over three inches long. Haven't seen very many? Evidently it didn't sell very well.

DENVER KNIFE SHOW... Another Good One

The Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors held their annual knife show on May 4-5 in Denver, Colorado. This year's show was held in conjunction with the Crossroads Gun Show. There was about 35-40 knife tables, and hundreds of gun and related tables in a large show.

I had a "sale" table next to John Gerhardt and Richard White both club members and from the Denver area. John won "Best of Show" again this year with his excellent scout knife display. Richard White is a staff correspondent for the Knife World newspaper, and you can read many good stories by him in their publication.

I purchased a few knives for my collection and will show you a couple I came home with.

The first is a common **Camillus** Official Scout Knife that is not anything special, but I didn't have one in my collection. The blade is etched: "75th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America 1910-1985."

Number two is a little different. It is an all steel or metal two-blade "scout knife." The tang is marked: (EAGLE KNIFE CO. PAT. OCT. 1, 18 Made in USA.) This was the short lived **Eagle Knife Company of New Haven, Conn. 1916-1918**. The company was purchased by **Winchester** in 1919. Notice the strange shape of the screwdriver/cap lifter blade.

The third knife is another common **Imperial** "scout," but with the addition of a compass in the handle. It is the narrow four-blade scout pattern with black plastic handles. It is 3 3/4 inches long.



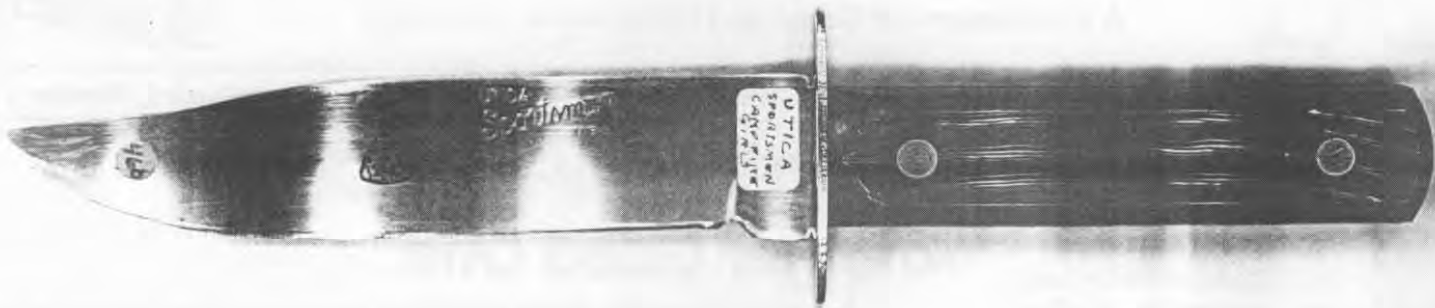
Camillus Official Scout Knife 3 3/8" long in mint condition 1985.



Eagle Knife Co., purchased by Winchester in 1919

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KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Here is one that may not be hard to find if you know what you are looking for. However, it was for me as I didn't know **Utica** ever made a sheath knife for the Camp Fire Girls.

As you can see, it is the common **Utica "Sportsman"** that you see quite often. It is 8 3/4" long with a 5" blade. It has hardwood or plastic handles. This particular knife is in almost mint condition and has been only lightly sharpened. The difference is the small Camp Fire Girls stamp on the blade. The original sheath also carries the remains of the Camp Fire Girls gold stamp. It looks like some "boy scout" tried to scrape off the logo when he realized what he had, but enough remains to tell the tale.

I couldn't find any mention of this knife in any book I have, so dating it was not easy. A few days ago, I received a knife catalog with two of the Utica Sportsman knives for sale, and they were dated in the 1930-40's years. If this is true, and my knife is that old, I consider this a great find for my collection. It should be well worth the ten bucks I paid for it.

A Letter from Jim

I received a letter from **Jim Taylor** on the "**PROLIFIC**" tang mark on last month's "Knife of the Month."

Jim sent me a page copy from the "**Cutler's Company Register of Trade Marks.**" The 1919 Register page listed the **PROLIFIC** trade mark and it was listed by: **Barnascone, Henry & Sons, Ltd.**

A 1953 Register page also carried the **PROLIFIC** mark, and was listed under **Harrison, Fisher & Co., Ltd.** Under Class and Description of Goods, it was written: Cutlery and edge tools, hammers, vices, anvils, hoes, spades, shovels, spanners, and similar goods.

Thanks to **Jim and Cindy Taylor** for this bit of information for **Brad Estabrook**. The copies will be sent to him.

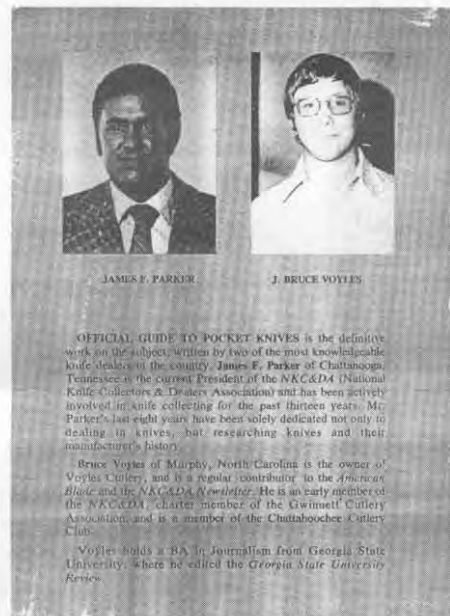
Don't forget about the August issue of **Jim & Cindy Taylor's Knife Catalog** that will carry over 100 Scout and Utility knives for sale.

Be sure to catch Jim's story in the May issue of **KNIFE WORLD**. **The Bowie Knife of Joe Big Plume**. The story of the presentation knife given to **Joe Big Plume** by **Sir Robert Baden Powell**. Remember, the **Lone Scout** broke the story first in Volume 1, No. 6. Jim allowed us to print the story first.

MEMORABILIA



The First Issue, 1976.



A Couple of Young Guys.

Denver Show, No. 3 (From Frontside)



Imperial Scout Knife. Has Compass and "Script type" Shield.



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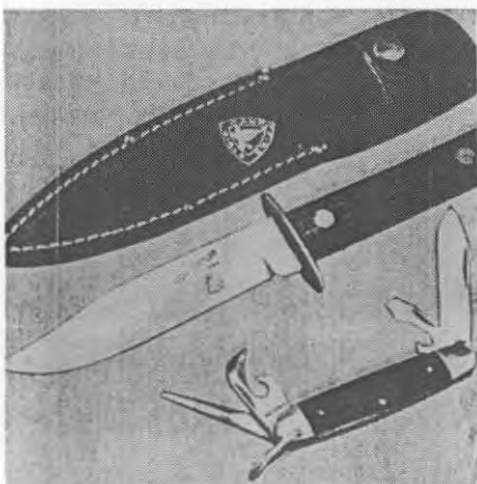
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Readers Respond

When I featured a **Camp Fire Girl's** sheath knife last month, I didn't have any information on it. Once again, **Ed Holbrook** came through with this picture of the same knife and a 4-blade pocket knife to boot. The copy was taken from a CFG supply catalog dated 1963-64.

In the same catalog, there is also a picture of the **CFG Chow Kit** that I featured a few months back. It has the red plastic cover with white lettering. It sold for \$2.00 back in 1963-64.



Willis Hoy also sent me a nice copy of a **1985 Commemorative Scout Knife** offer.

We talked a while back about how certain companies will endorse Official Boy Scout equipment, and make special offers if you will use their products.

Pictured on back is a **BSA 75th Anniversary Knife** deal from **York** and **Powerhouse**. You could purchase the Official 75th Anniversary Knife if you sent along two wrappers from their candy, and \$8.99. This was a full-page ad in the **Boy's Life** magazine, March, 1985. He also has the box that the knife came in which shows "York" on one side, and "Powerhouse" on the other. This would be a great addition to display with the knife. (Con't. on Back)

Come See the "Sharper" Side of Sears

Last month I talked about the Denver Show, and how I picked up some good knives. In all, I purchased 25 knives, and most of them will end up in my collection. I bought 6 -miscellaneous, 1-sheath, 1 club (Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors,) 3-Official Scout knives, 2-with red, white and blue handles, 1-"corn" knife, 9-"scout shield" knives, 1-steel scout with ruler, and 1-foreign all steel with a corkscrew.

As I mentioned once before, the bad thing about coming home with 25 new knives, is now you have to clean, research, and file all them in your collection or get them ready to sell at the next show.

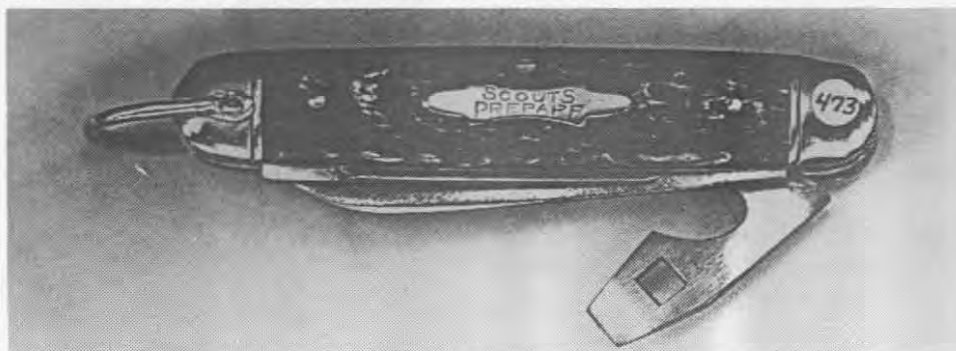
While checking tang marks, I came across two that were a little different. The first one is a standard bone handle 4-blade scout utility. It has the "standard scout" shield with the crossed flags. The tang mark is "**Made in USA.**" That's all! So I thought it was made by the government for the war effort. But a scout knife? This started me to digging through my limited library of knife books.

In **Goine's**, I found that the "Made in USA" was also used by **Sears and Roebuck**, and they used a "**STA-SHARP**" etch. I checked the blade...sure enough, there it was, STA-SHARP, very faint and hard to see. Then, in **Levine's Guide**, I found that STA-SHARP was made by **Camillus** for **Sears and Roebuck** c1924-41.



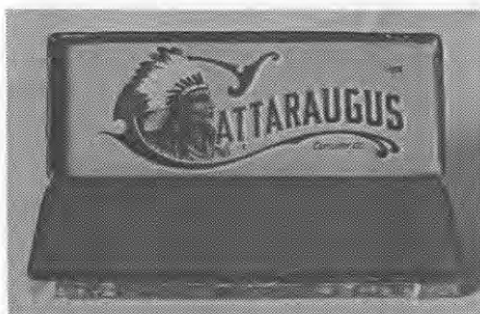
Made by Camillus for Sears. A nice big knife with steel liners and "fancy" work.

The second knife was somewhat puzzling to me also. Another 4-blade utility with bone handles and an upside-down "scouts prepare" shield. The reason I purchased this particular knife was because of the **Prest-O-Lite** blade. (To open the gas line on early automobile headlights.) The tang mark is "**High Carbon Steel.**" Checking with **Levine's** again, guess who made this knife and for whom? You guessed it... **Camillus**, and for **Sears and Roebuck** in the 1930's.



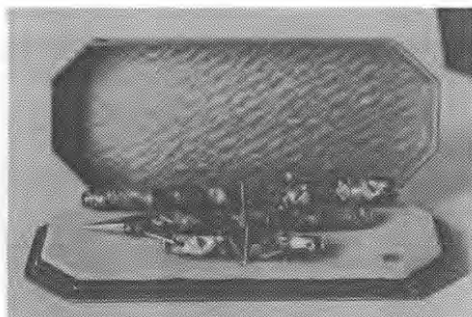
Bone handles, upside-down shield, and Prest-O-Lite blade. Made in the 1930's.

MEMORABILIA



Cattaraugus stone in original colorful box.

Cattaraugus Cutlery Company, Little Valley, NY. 1891-1963. Outside of box is dark blue with the same Cattaraugus logo in black. Box is 2 1/2" x 5 1/2."



Here is a pen, pencil, and knife set that I think goes back to the 1940's. All three pieces are marked with **SALZ BROS., N.Y., Made in USA**. They are green in color, and all three pieces seem to be trimmed in gold. They are set in the original padded box.

Say Hello to--

Spencer Griffith
Lawton, IA



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Woodland Park, CO

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McMinnville, TN

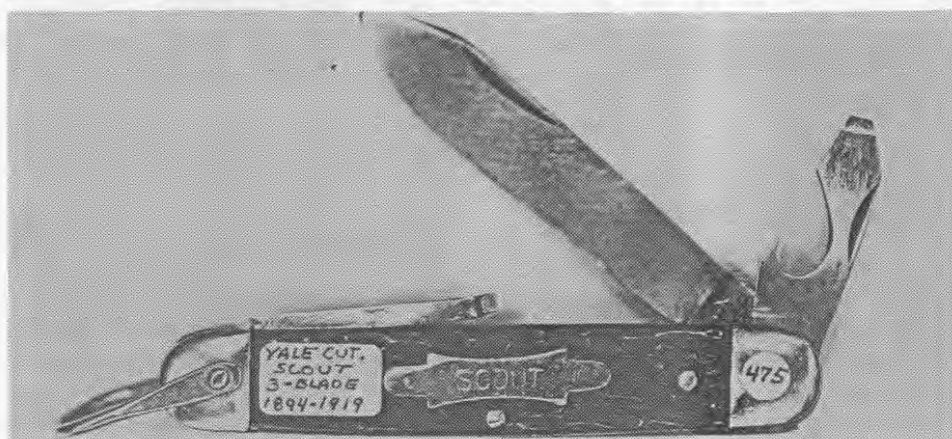
They too, are receiving the Lone Scout every month.

This is issue number 24, completing two years.

Next month will be the Annual NKCA Show issue, and hope to have some special knives to show you from the show in Springfield, MO. Hope to see some of you there.

Frank

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



YALE, Our Best Brand, S. F. California c1894-1919.

Here is a nice little 3-blade "scout." It is 3 3/8" long, and has black plastic handles and brass liners. Pretty common knife, except for the tang stamp; **YALE Our Best Brand** (All in a diamond.)

Yale Cutlery Company was owned by **Son Bros., of S. F. California**. They started making knives way back in 1894, and closed shop in 1919. Son Bros. also operated the **Yale Cutlery Co. of Meriden, Conn.**

The can opener seems to sit-up extra high on this one. A real "pocket ripper." **Levine** rates this stamp as "H," or highly collectable.



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Let me say this about that . . .

Last month I featured a knife with a "Prest-O-Lite" blade. I said it was probably made in the 1930's. Well, if you stop and figure when the automobile stopped using "gas" lights, you know it was before then.

Several readers advised me that the "gas" lights were no longer around in the 1930's, but were gone about 1924 or earlier. However, I imagine the Prest-O-Lite blades were still being made in utility knives for a few more years. E. C. Simmon's catalog still carried the Prest-O-Lite blade in 1930. **Dennis Ellingsen** says, "That was because they didn't have the money to print new entire catalogs, so they carried-over some of the pages."

Makes sense to me.

Almost Gone, But Not Forgotten

On our way back home from the Springfield Show, we spent a night in Wichita, Kansas. We visited the town a little and spent some time in "Old Town." This is the old part of town that has been revitalized since every thing is moving toward the Super Malls and the outskirts of town.

I just happen to glance up at this old vacant building that was for sale. On the tower way up top of this three story building, I could see the remains of a "E. C. Simmons Keen Kutter" logo. As I drove around the building for a closer look, it was still visible on all four sides of the tower. On the front of the building was the remains of a painted hardware company which I couldn't make out.

It was getting late in the day and the gang was getting hungry, so I had to move on. All I got was this picture of a once popular hardware store, that was really proud to be associated with the **Keen Kutter** name.

Can you Wichita boys help me?

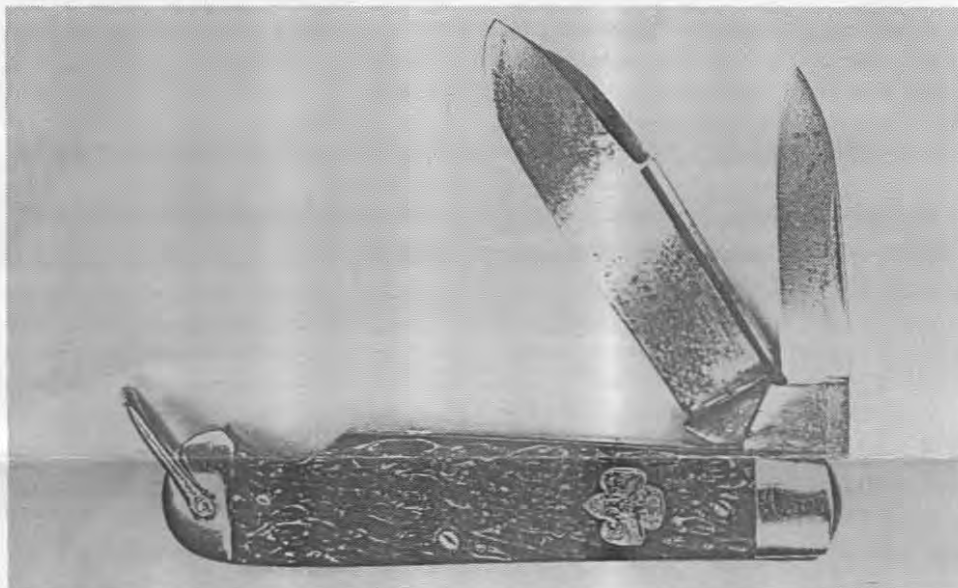
It's a R963-X

How many of you out there would know what that number means? Not many I'll bet. It sounds like a U. S. spy plane, or a computer part, but not so. It is a **Remington Official Girl Scout Knife**.

Pictured below is the scarce and seldom pictured **R963-X** scout knife. I was lucky to find this one at the Springfield N.K.C.A. Show a couple of weeks ago. As you can see, it has two-blades, easy-open, and 3 1/2" long. It also has bone handles, bail, and a girl scout shield. Both blades are marked with the Remington-UMC tang mark, and the main blade has an Official Girl Scout etch.

I can't find much information on this knife as it is not pictured in any book that I own. My only reference comes from Levine's 3rd edition "Official Scout Knives" compiled by **Dennis Ellingsen**. Dennis lists the R963-X number as a manufacturers number, and by placing a \$450 price tag on it, makes it one of the most expensive girl scout knives available to collectors.

Needless to say, I was really glad to find this beauty. She will find a good home in my collection case along side other knives made especially for the lady scouts.



A nice , almost mint, Remington Girl Scout Knife. "One for the Ladies."



Scout Knife Display Wins "Best Of Show"

J. C. Joiner won "Best of Show" with his large display of Scout and Utility knives at Springfield. I finally got to meet J. C. and his wife at the N.K.C.A. Show. We had a nice talk and "swapped" some Lone Scout stories.

Mr. Joiner has a really neat display that covers several tables as you can see from the picture. He has about every scout knife available, and some that you only see pictured in books.

I had a good time as usual, and can't wait to go again. I picked up some real good knives for my collection at the show, and a few treasurers in flea markets on the way to the show. From time to time I will feature them in the Lone Scout.

You can plan for next year's show now as the N.K.C.A. will be back in Springfield on **July 11-13, 1997**.

I saw a knife that I didn't have in my collection and would really like. The "Challenge" all metal four-blade utility knife with "scout scenes" on both sides. It took many, many dollars to purchase it, and it was too late in the show when I spotted it, as I had already spent my allowance. I'm about to run out of space in my room in the basement anyway.

I need to thin out some of my non-scout items this winter at our local shows to make some space for those special items that I find.

Starting the 3rd Year

This issue starts the third year of publication for the Lone Scout. My, how time flies when you're having fun.

Thanks to all of you that send me stamps or cash for the next year. Don't panic, if you didn't get a notice, you don't owe me anything. Some of you are more than generous and I appreciate it.

Still waiting for some sign that you are out there. An article, picture, or story about your collection would be nice.

Running a little late this month with the show, yard work, vacation, and all. Promise it won't happen again.



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Winner- "Best of Show." Scout Knife Display by J. C. Joiner

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Buck/Philmont's 50th Anniversary Knife. From the Ed Holbrook Collection.

Here is a Philmont Official Scout Knife from **Ed Holbrook**. It carries an official number of 166, and Buck number 110A. It was made in 1988 by **Buck Knife Company** to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Philmont Scout Camp in Cimarron, N. M.

This Philmont knife has brass bolsters with rose wood inlaid handles. The blade is 3 3/4" long, and when closed, measures 4 1/4." The blade has a "gold" inlay of the famous "Tooth of Time" in Philmont. The knife originally sold for \$125.

What's interesting, is the 50th Anniversary Arrowhead Patch. It now sells for over \$200... that may be more than the knife if now worth!



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Then, along came John . . .

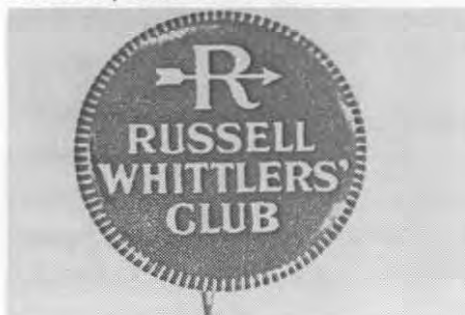
It was late in the day Sunday, the last day of the NKCA Show in Springfield. Everyone had just about seen everything and made their final deal or offer before the show closed.

Then, this older gentlemen wearing overalls and taking it easy came over to my table. We talked and he said he was a retired railroad man, and didn't really care about knives. His main interest was railroad items, and he did collect some old tools also. He was interested in an old Stanley wood plane that I had in the back of one of my show cases, but he wouldn't pay what I wanted for the old plane. He started to walk away but said, "You wouldn't trade for some pins, would you?" He pulled out these two pins or buttons that he had on a small piece of cardboard. One was a 7/8" **STARRETT TOOLS** pin that was very old and patented July 17, 1894 on the back. The other one caught my eye, it is pictured below twice as large as normal size.

Most of you will recognize this as part of the famous "**Russell Whittlers' Club Kit**." These kits were made by the **Russell Knife Company** in 1932. The original kit contained the box, a Barlow knife, booklet, and this pin or button. These complete kits are very scarce and hard to find, and now sell for over \$2,000.

Anyway, we made the trade and both of us were satisfied as not one dollar changed hands. I wonder if he had the rest of that kit at home?

Like they say, "**The Show is not over, until it's over.**"



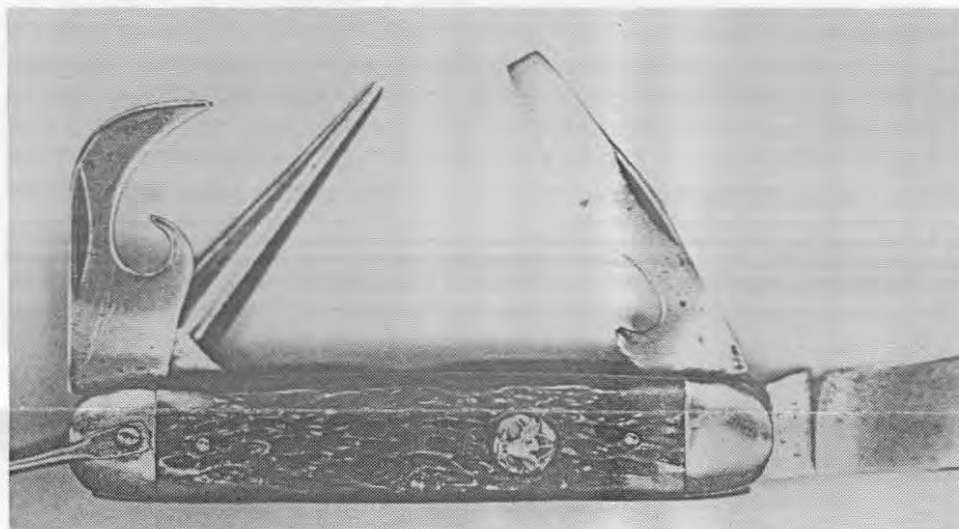
Here we go again, another "Made in U.S.A."

While at the Springfield Show, I just happened to find something on the table next to mine, this dandy Official Scout Knife. It has no official marks except the small round tenderfoot emblem you see pictured. The emblem is very similar to the one used by **Ulster**, except that it is smaller. The knife is 3 5/8" long with the usual four-blade combination. The tang is marked with "MADE IN U.S.A." Correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm calling this a "**Kingston**" product.

After I purchased this knife I took it over to **J. C. Joiner** who had his own scout knife display at the show. We compared it to one that he had that still had the Kingston etch on the blade, he said he thought it probably was a Kingston.

Kingston was a company formed during WWII by **Imperial** and **Schrade** to take advantage of government contracts. They were in business only from 1943 to 1945.

This knife has beautiful brown bone handles, a 1940's can opener, and brass liners. Most U.S. A. knives made during the war by Kingston had steel liners, so is this a Kingston, or if not, what is it?



Knife shown actual size, the main blade is a regular spear.

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Thanks Again

Once again, thanks for the postage, cash and good compliments on the **Lone Scout**. If you know anyone that you think would enjoy a copy of this publication, send me his name.



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Official Girl Scout Chow Kit



Box pictured actual size with box top shown also.

O. K., I know everyone has seen the chow kits many times, but how many times have you seen the box that it came in?

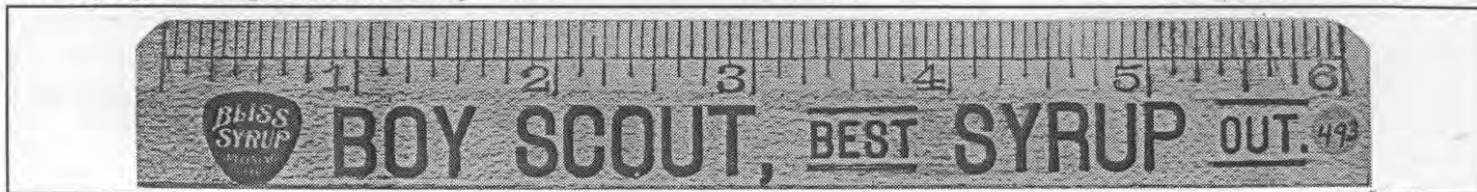
I purchased this Girl Scout Chow Kit in the original cardboard box you see pictured here. It has the official green/black leather case with the utensils made by Geo. Schrade, 1-27-'42. This one is "stone cold mint," I don't think it was ever touched.

The backside of the box reads: **Suitable for all outdoors repasts-out camping-on the automobile or hiking trip-in the mountains-at the seashore.** Plus other information. I believe it's a keeper!

Boy Scout Syrup

Bliss Syrup Refining Co., Kansas City

Six-inch wood ruler. Backside says:
Bliss Marshmallow Syrup.



Follow up from last month

I received several letters after last month's **Lone Scout**.

First, on the **Remington R963X** Girl Scout Knife. **Dennis Ellingsen, Oregon**, writes...

"I think these were very limited editions and don't think they made the standard offering list. A theory is that they were offered as a "test and see" specimen and never made the grade as far as an official offered knife. I call these a **One of a Kind Knife**."

Jim Pitblado, California. "I enjoyed your article on the R963X. This is actually the first scout knife I ever purchased about five years ago. I saw another one that was mint, but had a spay or sheepsfoot blade rather than the spear."

Knife World, February, 1995.

Jim Rines story on the history of Official Girl Scout Knives, he pictures a R963X knife also. However, his knife has a sheepsfoot master blade that is not etched. **Jim** is from **New Hampshire**.

I also received a call from **Mark McClure**, Keen Kutter collector from **Wichita, Kansas**.

On the "**Keen Kutter**" building that I pictured last month, Mark said the building was built around 1905 by **E. C. Simmons**. It opened in 1906 as one of five distributing centers for **E. C. Simmons Hardware Company** out of **St. Louis, Missouri**. The building was sold to **A. J. Harwi Hardware Company** on October 1, 1929. Harwi was not associated with **E. C. Simmons** or **Keen Kutter**, but was out of **Atchinson, Kansas**. Harwi sold out in 1937 and then the store was never used as a hardware store again. Mark said he thought it was used as a grocery store warehouse.

The sign at the top has been there since 1906, when **E. C. Simmons** owned the building.

Thanks to **Dennis, Jim, and Mark** for this follow-up information.



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Excuse Me...

Thanks for keeping me honest.

In last month's story on the U.S.A. "Kingston" knife, I said it was by **Imperial and Schrade**. Excuse me, it was made when Imperial and Ulster formed to take advantage of government contracts. That is what I get for "quoting" out of the knife books. (See **Antique Knives 2nd Ed., Page 206**) My statement was not entirely wrong, I just didn't go far enough. I should have said **Imperial/Schrade and Ulster**.

In 1948 Imperial Associated Knife Company purchased the Schrade Company and In the 1970's moved their manufacturing facilities to the Ulster location. The Schrade name began to take precedent over the Ulster name and Schrade now owns the name. The Ulster location is no more and the Imperial/Schrade plant moved across town. As late as 1984, Schrade knives were being made in the old Ulster plant. (See **Antique Knives 2nd Ed., by J. Bruce Voyles.**)

I have three full boxes of six knives each still in wrappers that carry the "Kingston" tang mark. Some are marked "Ulster" and some "Kingston." They are in the familiar dark green box with white lettering. All made during the 1940's.

Did you say you needed your Scissors Sharpened?



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Harvest Time!

It's time again to "pick" some year end bargains at the last of the outdoor flea markets.



On Labor Day, my wife, daughter and I went to the Annual Flea Market-Antique and Craft Show in Lexington, Nebraska. In past years I only found a few things, but this year was different.

We hit the show about 9:30 a.m. and by noon I hadn't been inside of a building yet. I was still working on the flea market tables outdoors. As you can see in the picture, I did find four scout items, some knives, and a couple of bargains.

The "camping" flyer in back is folded and opens to a 19" x 25" official scout poster. It is dated 1942 and shows a lot of equipment for sale. It has the official sheath knife #1554 for \$1.50 and the #1080 "Kit Karson Kit" sells for \$3.75. Boy, I wish. Also, as you can see I found an "Eagle" badge in mint condition and the scarce "Boy Scouts" card game. One other scout item is the box pictured on the left. It has a colorful scout scene on front and says "How to make a fire." It was empty.

I found some "cheap" resale knives and a couple of wood rulers. The 12" ruler is stamped with "Shapleigh Hardware" and the "Diamond Edge" logo and the 36" rule is by "Wyeth Hardware and Manufacturing Company" of St. Joe, Missouri. The 36" ruler has brass ends.

Another item that I found is almost mint and I believe is a "good one." It is a **Remington** knife box. It is red with a blue label. It says: "Standard American Dollar Pocket Knife, Greatest Value Ever Offered." It has R100B on the front label. Can anyone tell me about this box, I can't find a picture of the R100B Dollar Knife?

Anyway, after about seven hours of walking around the show, we plopped into the car for the long drive home with a trunk full of treasures.

So remember, don't pass up the outdoor flea markets because... **"A bad day at a flea market is still better than a good day at work."**

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Here is something a little different, an official "sheath knife kit." This outfit came out in the 1970's and carried the BSA # 1648 on the sheath kit. The knife is the Frontiersman model BSA # 1364 and has a 3 1/2" blade and delrin handle. The sheath came pre-cut ready to assemble. Note the official BSA stamp on the sheath.

Submitted by **Ed Holbrook**. Thanks Ed.



Top: Made in U.S.A., 1950. Middle: Made in U.S.A., 1957. Bottom: A Training Post Services knife and nail file, that says: "Thanks 1981 National Scout Jamboree Training Post Services." It is made by Imperial.

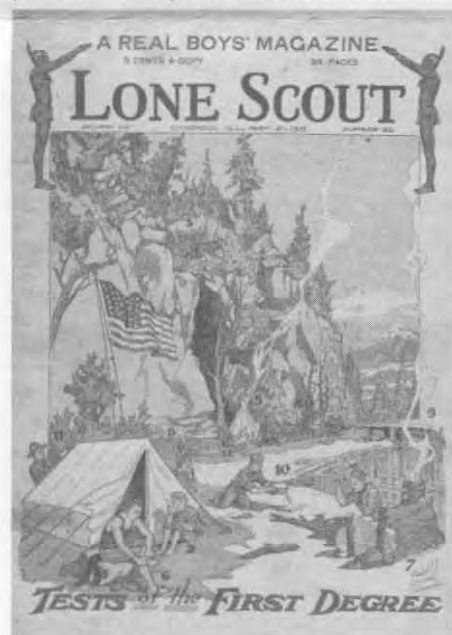
The first National Jamboree was scheduled for 1935 in Washington, D.C., but had to be cancelled because of an outbreak of polio. Two years later in 1937, the first Jamboree was finally held. The Second National Jamboree was held in 1950, the third in 1953 and in 1957, the fourth. So what you say? Well, look at the bottom small souvenir sheath knife, It is marked "3rd National Jamboree 1957." How can this be the third when it was the fourth? I don't know. I'll let **Ed Holbrook** figure this out for us, if he will.

Anyway, I thought these Jamboree souvenir knives would be fun to collect. I only have the three, but I know there must be more out there. Ed Holbrook has some. I know because I have a picture of them. My "[Price Guide to Scouting Collectibles](#)" book does not list very many souvenir knives. The 1950 is listed as a "Miniature Sheath Knife" and in 1973 a penknife/money clip is also listed. I wonder, did they make one for each National Jamboree or does anyone have one for each Jamboree?

A Real Boy's Magazine

Here is a copy of the **Lone Scout**, a Real Boy's Magazine. My son spotted it while we were checking out a flea market in Kansas City. This issue has a nice colorful cover that shows the steps or tests needed to obtain the First Degree badge in the Lone Scouts.

The **Lone Scout** was a weekly publication and had 24 pages. The size is 11 x 14 inches, and sold for five cents a copy, or you could get a year's subscription for a dollar. This issue is dated May 1919, but I also have an earlier issue from 1918 that sold for three cents a copy. Quite a large increase in price for one year, about 60%.



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1914 Boy's Life Ad

Last month I misspelled **Mark McClurg's** name. (Keen Kutter Building Story) Sorry Mark, the old spell checker missed another one.

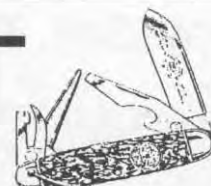


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Many, Many Variations

Here is a chow kit box that is slightly different than the one I featured a couple of months ago. This box was sent in by **Cal Holden** of **Doylestown, OH**.

The bottom end flap says: **"Manufactured by George Schrade"** however, the top flap is blank. The fork has only a PAT. date of 9/21/26 and the knife only marked "stainless steel." Neither is marked with the Geo. Schrade name.

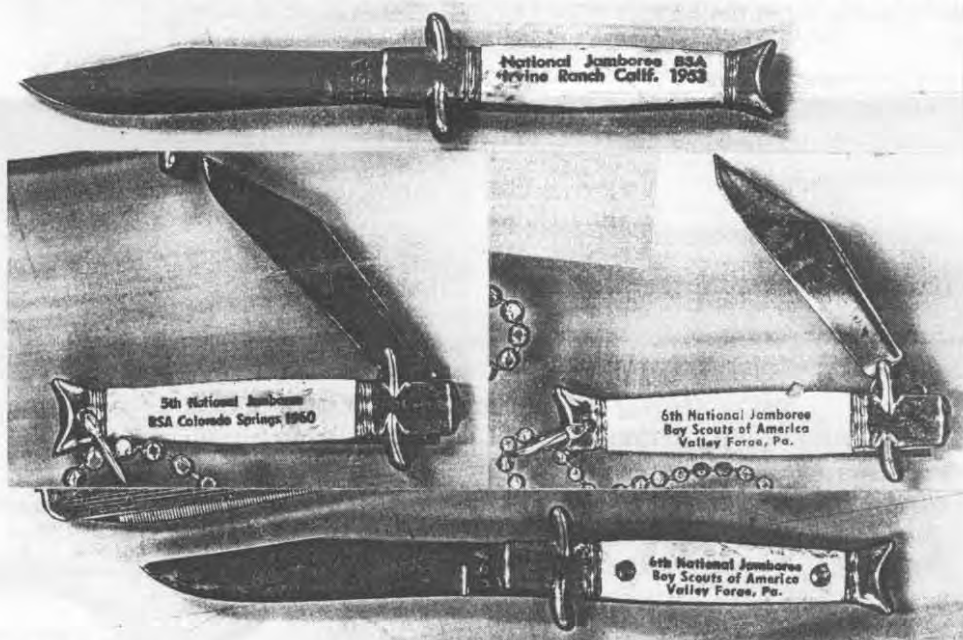
This box contained an official girl scout chow kit with green leather pouch and gold embossed emblem on the front flap. The backside of the box is identical to mine.

It's odd isn't it that my box was not marked "Geo Schrade," but my utensils were. This box is marked "Geo. Schrade," but the utensils are not?

NJ Sheath Knives

Last month I asked about the small jamboree sheath knives and pictured two that I have. I heard from several readers and they enclosed pictures of more of the small jamboree knives.

Pictured below are four more small knives: two straight and two folding.



Top: The 1953 third jamboree knife. **Middle:** 1960 knife, fifth jamboree held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two for the sixth jamboree, a folder and a straight knife, they are not dated. The folders were made by Imperial.

With my two that makes five that I have seen. Like I mentioned last time, they just skipped right by the fourth.

These pictures were sent in by **Willis Hoy**, he had many more in his picture including the Third National Jamboree 1957 that I pictured last time with the wrong information on the handle.

Willis also has a nice collection of Zippo knives. In all, he has 18 knives pictured that are souvenirs of the National and World Jamborees.

Ed Holbrook also sent me a picture of his jamboree knife and scout coin collection. Ed has one that we haven't seen yet, it is a 1960 straight knife from the Fifth National Jamboree in Colorado Springs. It is pictured in the middle of the frame. (See the picture on back side.) As you can see, Ed has a nice collection of jamboree knives also, including a couple of "letter openers" with blades and a few "Zippos" and coins also. **(Con't. on Back)**

Below: A 12" wood ruler advertising DE (Diamond Edge) and Shapleigh Hardware Co. Backside: Eginger Hardware Co., Plainview, NB.

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Buy, Sell, Trade

If I can get enough response, next month I will run a separate page, or pages of items for sale, trade or your wants. I need you to send me this information before the 10th of November so I can get it together to print in the next issue of Lone Scout.

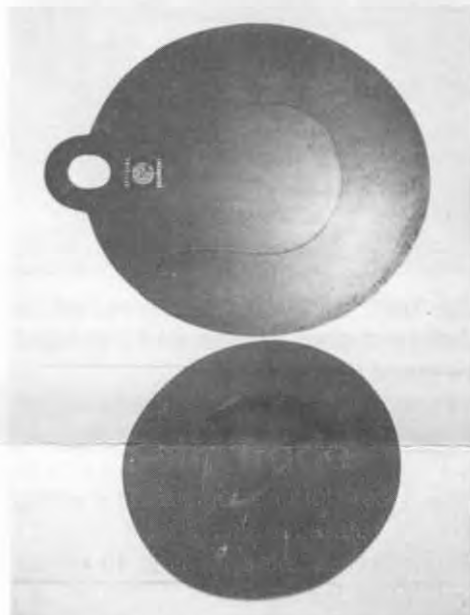
Anything, it does not have to be knives. Scout memorabilia, scout related, knife related, or what have you. You could send a picture of the item also. (I will return it with the newsletter.)

Two or three items that I now have I asked for in the newsletter, and someone had them for sale, or put me in touch with a person that had just what I was looking for.

Don't be afraid to ask! Now is your chance.

Please enclose your phone number or E-mail address, so you can be contacted.

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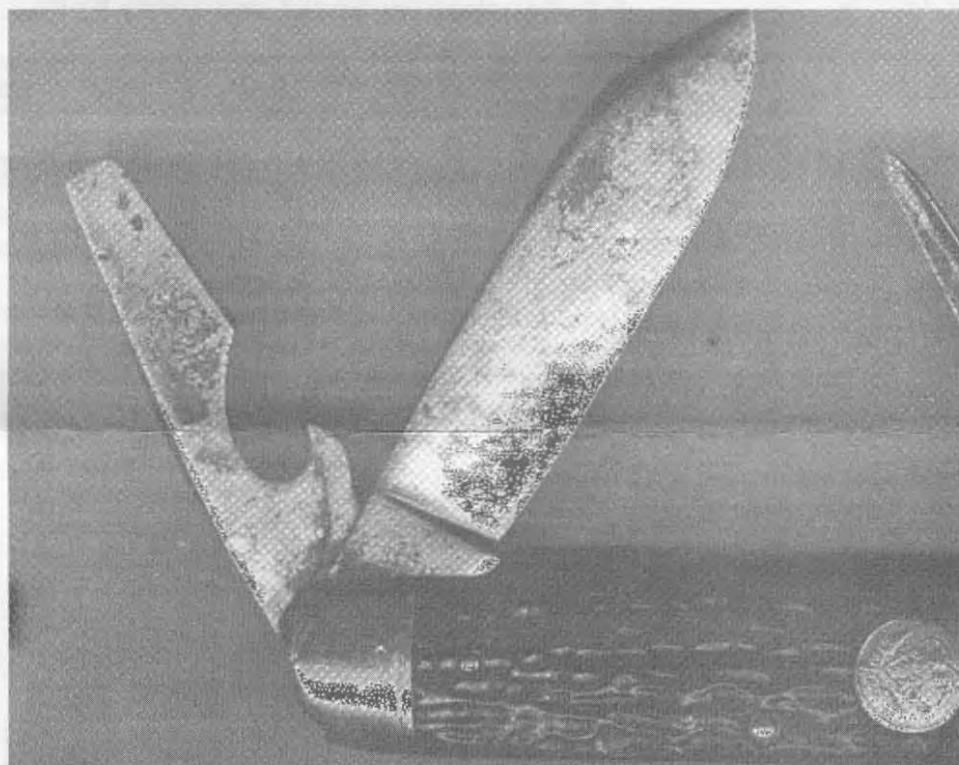
This should be in the "It's a What?" column instead of "Scout Memorabilia."

From this angle it looks like a "stool lid," but no, not any Official Boy Scout Lids...Yet.

It is an Official Scout Campaign (smoky) Hat and Official "Carrying and Storage Rack." The rack is made out of wood and is 15" x 16." Don't know how old it is, but according to **Jim Taylor**, he dates this one back to somewhere in the 1930's. I have one pictured in a brochure that is dated 1942.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

What's Wrong Here?



Remington RS3333 with two shields. One on each side.

Well, outside of only having half-a-knife, what else is wrong with this Remington RS3333?

This picture was sent to me via/internet by **Dennis Ellingsen**. I'm still having a little trouble getting the pictures to do what I want, so bear with me for a while.

Have you figured it out yet? Like I told Dennis, "Some fool put the scout emblem on the wrong side." He said, "Not only did he do that, he also put one on the other side too." Two emblems, one on each side. Dennis said the knife is original and it has not been tampered with. We believe him, right guys...Sure Dennis!!!

You never know what you will find out there, however, you probably won't find this one in the book.



From the Ed Holbrook collection. Ed has all the small sheath knives that we have pictured. Ed said the "1957 3rd National Jamboree" must be a misprint. Does this make it more valuable?

Buy-Sell-Trade

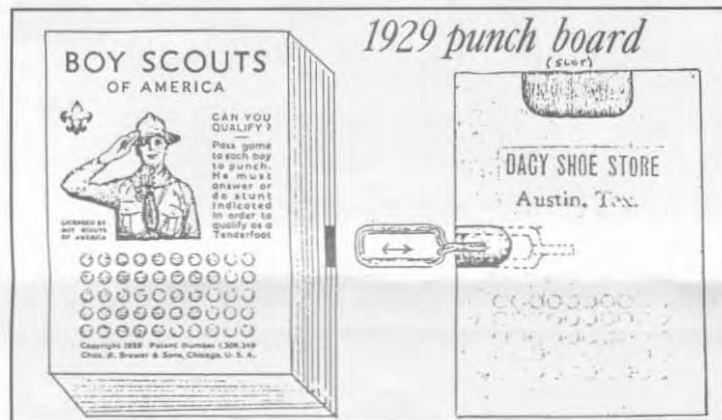
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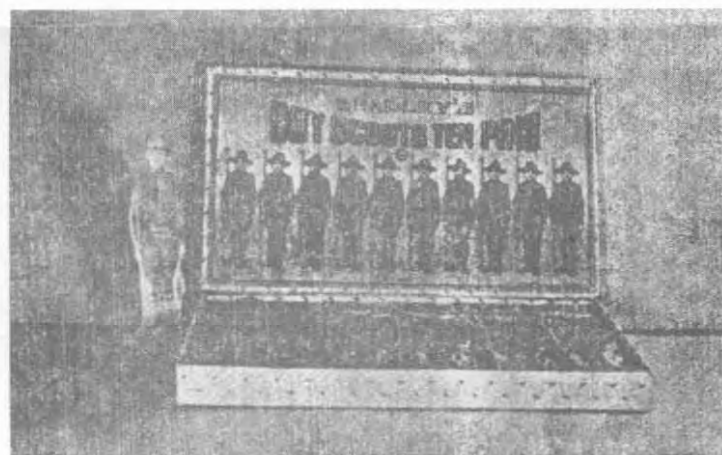
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BOY SCOUT GAMES:

BSA Punch Board - 1929 (Picture Enclosed)



Boy Scout Five Pins, or Boy Scout Ten Pins (Pictures Enclosed)



EDISON CYLINDER RECORD:

Boy Scouts of America March (Sousa)

PINBACK BUTTONS:

Always looking for older pinback buttons.

Looking for Unique and Unusual Scout Items.

If you have any of the items at left, or know anyone who might have. Please call John at (815) 634-8408

Wanting to Buy:

THE BOY'S LIFE SUBSCRIPTION KNIFE.

Like the one shown in this issue.

Still looking for a BSA COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE.

The Camillus "Riders of the Silver Screen" series knife (LONE RANGER,) NIB only.

A nice metal handle with the "Scout Scenes" by Case or Challenge that I can afford or trade for.

ANY OLD CHARACTER OR SCOUT KNIVES.

That I don't have in my collection.

You can call Frank (913)462-3465 on any of this stuff.

FOR SALE:

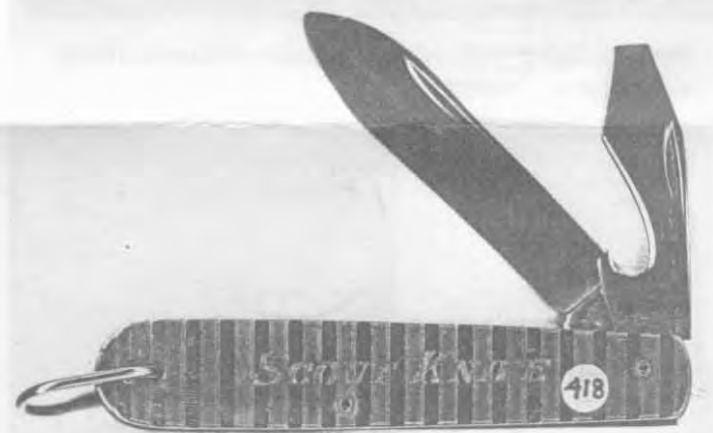
3 5/8" KA-BAR 4-Blade Utility Knife. Blades in mint condition. Black comp. scales. One bolster scratched a little. Pictured below (Reduced to fit in space)

\$85 plus shipping. Will trade for Holly's, Lakeville, Conn.

Write: Fred Clark

P.O. Box 464

Monument, CO 80132



Anyone have any ideas on one that looks just like this one? Brass sides and bail. Three inches long with Fidelity Knife Co., New York on tang. Any dates on when manufactured, or on Fidelity Knife Co.?

Boy's Life Knife picture on page two from John Vacca, Coal City, Ill. Collector of Boy Scout Memorabilia. From Boy's Life Magazine June, 1916.



**First Annual Knife Show
Nov. 2-3, 1996
Wichita, KS**



Bill Davis and Randy Pickens Show Chairmen, did a Great Job!



Mark McClurg from Wichita displayed some of his Keen Kutter collection.



Jim Chartier came in from Oregon to do some pheasant hunting and set-up at the show.



O. K., Open the doors and let them in! Gail Vacca ready for business on Sunday morning.



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The "PA" Knife Offer.



Most of us that collect knives have or have seen this combination of three knives and the Prince Albert Can Offer. I have several of the sets myself, but have never seen the original paper or offer that came inside the can. With \$2 for each knife and five of the can wrappers you could order the three knives pictured. You could also order a special Westbrook Pipe. This offer expired on Dec. 31, 1973.

These knives were also the last of the "Old Timer" shield and the "Ulster" logo combination.

SPECIAL PIPE OFFER

DR. GRABOW WESTBROOK PIPE (5 WRAPPERS AND \$2.00)
Finest quality imported Blue-Imported hard rubber mouthpiece. Mechanically pre-smoked, needs no breaking in. Automatic unbreakable screwstem connection.

—HOW TO ORDER—

Westbrook Pipe: Simply mail 5 of these wrappers found in PRINCE ALBERT and \$2.00 for the Dr. Grabow Westbrook, plus your name and address to: DR. GRABOW PIPES, BOX 21801, GREENSBORO, N. C. 27420 (Include Zip Code to assure delivery).

Money refunded if pipe or knife not completely satisfactory and returned to place where ordered within sixty days of receipt. These offers void if not presented within six months of purchase of this tobacco. These offers are not valid where prohibited, taxed or regulated. R. I. Reynolds Tobacco Company

SPECIAL OFFER—ULSTER "OLD TIMER" KNIVES



EACH KNIFE ONLY \$2.00 PLUS 5 OF THESE WRAPPERS

- Solid brass lining
- Hand honed and edged
- Tempered steel
- Unbreakable handle
- Made in U.S.A.

—HOW TO ORDER—

• Mail check or money order (no stamps, please) and 5 wrappers to:
KNIFE OFFER
P.O. BOX 9454, ST. PAUL, MINN. 55194

- Plus your NAME and ADDRESS (Please print and use Zip Code)
- Be sure to indicate style of knife(s) desired.
- Allow six weeks for delivery.
- Offer expires Dec. 31, 1973.

Copy of can insert reduced down.

First Kansas Knife Show... Successful!

Kansas Knife Collectors Association held their first show on November 2nd and 3rd in Wichita, Kansas.

I didn't count the tables, but I would say about 50 to 60 tables were full of knives with very few related items.

The weather cooperated and it was a nice weekend. In Kansas, you never know, it can snow anytime after October and leave you stranded many miles from home. Last year, we got stranded 30 miles from home and had to spend the night in a motel. In March, I couldn't make it back to Burlington, Colorado to finish a show on Sunday.

The Wichita show was fun. Many friendly people, lot of good trading deals and the organizers did a good job making everyone feel welcome. I'm looking forward to next years show already.



THE SHARPER EDGE, Custom Made Knives. Dale Reif and daughter Amandy from Wichita, Kansas.

Amandy guarded the table for two days, patiently arranging and polishing the custom made knives, while her father checked out the other tables. On occasion however, I did see her eating something from a brown bag that resembled a Big Mac. Pretty cheap help Dale...

Got this too late to put on page three with all the other Buy-Sell ads.

Want to trade a RS3333 DuPont Scout Box for a RS3333 UMC Scout Box.

(310)438-8678 or bpitt30s@aol.com

Say Hello to:
Randy Pickens
Wichita, KS
Now on the mailing list of the Lone Scout

SALUTE!



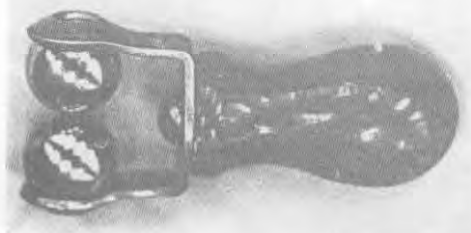
Sticks and Stones

Made in the 1930's, this "knife grinder" is a nice piece of related memorabilia. This all metal toy is a wind-up that still works. The stone turns and the sparks fly. Made by "Girard Toys," this yellow, red, blue and black toy stands about 4 1/2" tall and the base is 2 3/4" x 4 1/4" wide. Outside of a few scratches, the piece is in excellent condition.



Just a little off the edge please.

Great Balls of Fire



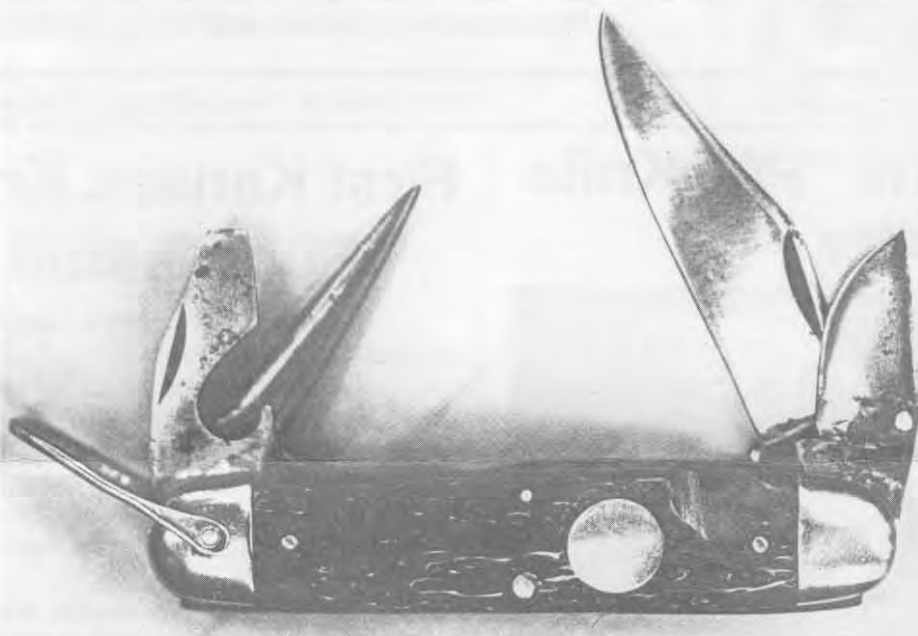
Here is a nice little knife sharpener that is only 2 1/4" long. This one is similar to the wire frame with glass marbles that was pictured a couple of months back.

Shown actual size, this gadget has a wood handle and steel balls. The steel frame has an **ACE** logo in a diamond on both sides and "OTHERS PEND. PATN. 9-25-23" stamped on the inside. This little fellow is over 70 years old and still works great.



Frank Vacca
1825 Harvey Avenue
Colby, KS 67701

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Cattaraugus #42219C. One of 656 Cattaraugus knives.

Here is a nice hefty four-blade utility knife made by **Cattaraugus**...or is it? The tang mark carries the **Cattaraugus Cut. Co.** in its usual arched style. On the backside of the main blade there is a Pat. # that cannot be read. The caplifter/screwdriver is marked with the #42219C, but I cannot find it listed under Cattaraugus?

Anyway, it's a grand old knife. All blades have great snap and the nice bone handles and plain round shield are like new. The knife is shown here actual size of 3 3/4" and is in super nice condition. The can opener style puts this knife in the late 20's or early 30's I believe. The number works out right: (4) **four** blades. (2) **two** bolsters. (21) **pattern number**. (9) signifies **bone** handle material. Then why isn't it in the book? Cattaraugus lists 656 numbered knives, but not this one.

New Offer

Scout NAME Knife!

We Give It To You
with One
Subscription
to
BOYS' LIFE.

3 1/4" long, two "Keen Kutter" steel blades of superior quality. Will hold a keen edge indefinitely 2 Blades. Regular Price, \$1.00.

A Splendid Gift to Any Boy

This New Scout Name Knife has been specially made for BOYS' LIFE by the manufacturers of the famous "Keen Kutter" cutlery. On the handles, which are as tough as horn, is the Emblem of the Boy Scouts of America, with the magazine's name on one side, and Your Own Name and Address on the other side. These special insignia cannot be removed without destroying the knife.

BOYS' LIFE, 200 5th Avenue, New York

Send me the Scout Name Knife for the enclosed \$1.00; this amount also to include One Yearly Subscription to BOYS' LIFE.

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Scout Memorabilia

Where has all the good stuff gone? I know, it's in **Ed Holbrook's** collection...Like these two pieces of memorabilia.

Ed has this nice watch fob and engraved scout watch in his collection and sent these photos for us to see. Notice the compass "built into" the fob, it has a scout scene in the background and is silver. The watch has "crossed flags" on the face side and is silver also.

Where has all the good stuff gone, it can't all be in Ed's collection?

I hit a lot of flea markets and antique shops and it seems "I'm always a day late or a dollar short for the good stuff."



Ah Yes, Philmont... I Remember It Well!

I THINK ABOUT IT EVERY TIME THE WEATHER CHANGES.

La Mochila de Rancho Philmonte de los Scouts



THAT 23-DAY WAGON TRAIN

\$62.00

Everyone should have some sort of indicator or a way of telling when the weather is going to change right? Well, I got mine by way of **Philmont Scout Ranch** in 1951.

Like most kids at age 15 I figured I knew it all and could do about anything. Anything except ride a bucking bull that is and I've had this weather indicator in my right leg ever since.

After being at Philmont Ranch for only three days, I was sent to the hospital in Raton, N. M. with a busted leg. It seems the bull not only didn't want me on his back, he made sure my stay at Philmont would be cut short. When he jumped on me after bucking me off, he broke both bones in my lower leg and split one bone up toward my knee about six inches. I hobbled around on crutches for about three months after that short ride. I **had** to ride that bull because things were different back in the fifties, that's when "**Men were men and cowboys didn't dance.**" Anyway, after several days in the hospital, I was sent home on the train to Kansas City where my mom and scoutmaster met the train.

My scoutmaster owned a commercial printing company and he let me earn money for camp by bailing paper and cardboard and selling it. Camp didn't cost much in those days by today's standards, as you can see by the enclosed flyer from 1951. We would be gone exactly four weeks with a 23-day wagon train trip at Philmont. The cost was: Philmont fee \$62, meals enroute \$6, transportation \$8, leadership and miscellaneous \$4, total cost \$80, a lot of money back in the fifties. I have no idea what it costs to attend Philmont now or how long you are at camp, but I'll bet it is a lot more than \$62.



ON TO PHILMONT IN '51

"HAT DAY"



Hat number two for my collection.

Here is another official scout hat I purchased from **Mark McClurg** at the Wichita Show in November. This one is a little different and I have a few questions maybe you can answer.

This hat has a brown leather hat band with a buckle on the back. Has BSA official hat and "Scoutmaster" inside the head band. Has a round green neck cord instead of the flat shoe lace type. Also, has three symbols (a circle with a "Q" inside) on the front and two sides of the hat that seem to be "branded" on. Is this original? What does it mean? How old is this dirty hat with the rolled up brim?

Buy - Sell - Trade

Trade: A Plumb Voyager Axe. Ex. For a Cardinal Cutlery Sheath Knife, five inch blade. Call Ed at (503)266-2478

Want To Buy: Remington RS3333, need not be mint. Also, New York Knife Co., Ulster, and Imperial. Zerox, price and send to: Kirk Cruse, 1711 Wildwood Rd., Bloomington, IL 61704

Sell: Two official Philmont "Staff" T-shirts. Green with collar and button front. Has black bull and Philmont staff over left pocket. Small, Ex. Cond. \$25 ea. (913)462-3465

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Remington R963 Scout (Non-Official) circa 1921.

The **R963 Remington** with the "scout hat" shield is one we all would like to have in our collection, but not many of us have. One reason is how many have you seen for sale, or better yet, how many have you seen? Maybe the \$700 mint price tag (**Sargent's 4th Ed.**) keeps most of us from having one.

This one has bone stag handles and the etch on the sheepsfoot blade is still visible. I don't know who owns this one or who took the picture. **Cindy Taylor** sent me several nice black and white photos of scout and utility knives a while back, maybe this knife belongs to her.

In **Antique Knives 2nd Ed.**, **Voyles** also has pictured a R962 that looks the same, only it has smooth rubber handles and lists for \$340 in mint condition.

I'm looking for the one that **Levine** lists in his 3rd Edition for \$175.

Now That's A Knife!

Here it is, all 14 inches of it when open. At eight and one fourth inches closed this three-blade pocket knife needs a strong pocket to hold it.

The knife is marked SOLIGEN STAINLESS on the main blade, with BEAR HUNTER on the back side. However, on the small blade the remains of "Pakistan" still shows up lightly, as someone tried to rub it off. The knife is very tight with brass liners and has white handles. It was the large white handles that got me to thinking, why not engrave or schrimshaw my name on the handle?

While at the Springfield KKCA Show last July, I had Jim Downing, custom engraver from Springfield, do the job. I like what he did very much and with a knife that big, what else are you going to do with it? I display it on my table like a "name tag" and people seem to like the idea. Try it!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Each of You. I hope You have a Great Year in 1997!



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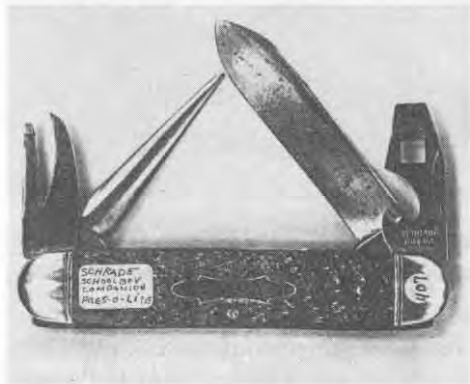
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From the Old School

This **Schrade Cutlery** utility knife is definitely from the old school and if you had a new one in school, you must be a senior citizen. "**Schoolboy Companion**" is the name given to this four-blade utility knife by Schrade, it is still faintly etched on the blade. Also, you could have used the prest-o-lite tank key blade to open the headlight fuel tank on dad's automobile. The year was around 1930. Oh Yeah, I remember it well!



I purchased this one from **Cindy Taylor** on 5-13-'94, it's a good one and kind of hard to find in mint condition. It is 3 5/8" long and has the one-piece can opener, dark brown bone handles, brass liners and a plain shield. The "Schoolboy Companion" etched on the blade is in gothic script.

There is a nice sharp drawing of this knife in **Levine's** 3rd edition, page 246. I can't find this exact knife in any price guide, but in mint condition it should list for at least \$200.

Something else to think about. The Schrade Cut Co (straight line) mark on the blades like this knife was used by Schrade Company from 1930 - 1948, then why did they still use the prest-o-lite key blade when the automobiles no longer used the gas lights after 1924?

One thing for sure, there are no more "schoolboy companion" pocket knives for young boys today. In every school I know of, your son better not get caught with a pocket knife of any kind, **companion or not**. What a shame.

FOR THE NEW YEAR LET'S START WITH--

Something Old, Something New and Something Borrowed.

First, look at **something old**. How about this very early post card that shows a boy scout with his Kodak ready to take a picture of a pretty Indian girl. The backside still has a one-cent stamp stuck in the corner which should date this card around 1912 or later. The corner is "chewed" off a little, but didn't hurt the picture any. The picture caption says: "**Oh it's well to carry a rifle and grub in a Camper's pack, but when I am really Scouting, I'm strong for a good Kodak!**"

Something New: Is this nice **Hallmark 1996 Christmas tree ornament** I received as a gift. Hallmark is honoring the Boy Scouts of America with this ceramic ornament that is very colorful and comes with its own decorative box. You can look for this item at your local Hallmark store. It is called "**Growth of a Leader.**"

Mine will never hang on a tree, instead, find a nice place in my "scout" room.



Keepsake Ornament by Rockwell

Something Borrowed: I received this photo from **Jim and Cindy Taylor**, so I will "borrow" it from them for this article.

Jim and Cindy have this large framed poster or maybe a calendar page, that depicts a boy scout and utility knife by **Remington/UMC**. Jim said, "The unusual thing about this poster is that while the scout is boldly depicted, the knife is **not** an official B.S.A. knife."

The heavy card is printed in six colors and Jim is wondering if the figure (**C.S. 26**) in the lower left corner could be 1926? When Jim purchased it at an auction it was already framed. Notice the "hanging hole" at top center.

I like the line at the bottom. "**A Remington Knife is a Friend for Life.**"

(Con't. on Backside)

(Something Borrowed) from front side



Large Framed Poster by Remington

True, the **R3843** Remington six-blade utility knife is not an Official Boy Scout knife. However, I'll bet you will find one in every scout knife collection. It just seems to belong in with the official knives.

This is true, when I first started to collect scout knives the R3843 was one of the very first ones I wanted in my collection. I found one at a knife show in Arizona and choose it over a red, white and blue striped handle Remington. I still have it and will probably always hang on to it.

About the **C.S. 26** in the corner, It probably is the year 1926, as that would be very close to when the knife came out.

The knife in the picture has both the two-piece can opener and REM-UMC stamp.

According to **Mr. Levine**, "Remington replaced the one-piece can opener with the stronger Tillmann's two-piece can opener in 1926. It was patented in 1927."

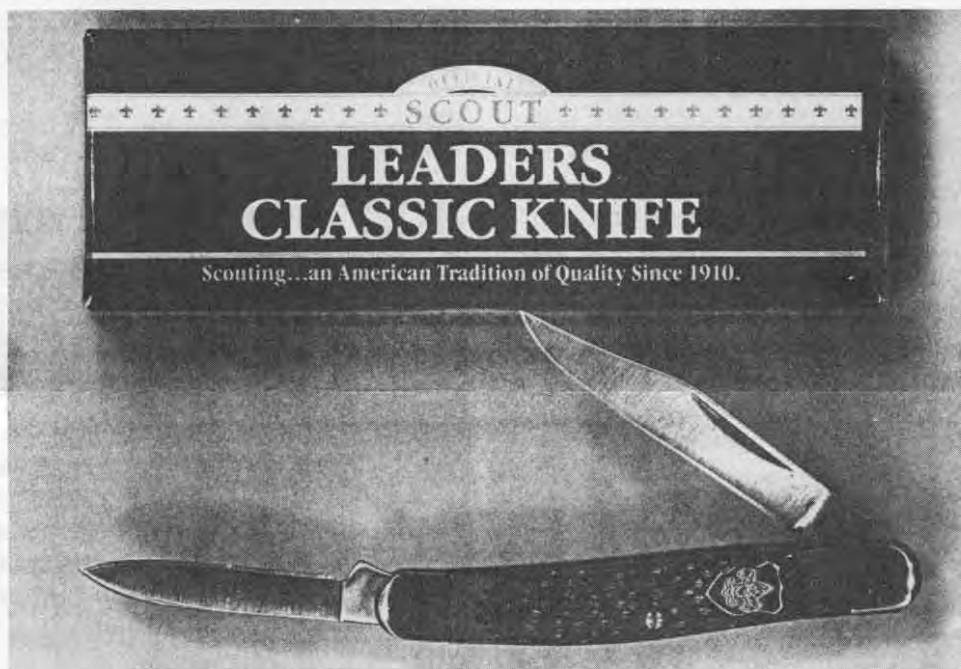
Also, at right is pictured Remington's masterblade markings and the year they were used. The REM-UMC (**No** Made in USA) came out in 1921-24. So, we are in the 1921-1935 range somewhere.

In **Levine's** page 247, Levine/Ellingsen pictures the R3843 with some more dates.

You can make up your own mind on this one.

B. S. Leaders Knives... Where Have They All Gone?

THEY PROBABLY HAVEN'T GONE ANYWHERE, THERE JUST ISN'T MANY AROUND.



Scout Leaders Knife. 2 3/4" 2-blade made by Camillus. Has a tenderfoot emblem on the brown plastic handle. Also shown is the box top. Actual size.

This is only my theory, but It seems like leaders knives are hard to find.

My main source of scout knives has been the gun and knife shows and flea markets/antique shops. I usually run into a four-blade scout knife or two, but never a leaders knife. I do have a couple however, but I believe I purchased them through the mail.

The boys themselves don't want such a "wimpy" knife to use in the field, so not many are sold. Consequently, not many end up in the flea markets or knife shows.

To prove my point, I visited a department store "close out" sale which sold official B. S. supplies. Now this sale had been on for about a month, so I didn't expect to find much left. I was right, all the equipment had already been sold. Everything was gone, all the badges, axes, mess kits, flash lights, everything except four "leaders knives" sitting all alone in this big showcase.

I asked if there were any more knives left? "Nope, sold them right away," she said. So, I took all four leaders knives because the price was right.

I found them listed in a 1992 supply catalog as "New" and they carried the number **PO 1900**. I don't know if this is the official scout number or the catalog number?

They came in a nice colorful red, white, yellow and black box that has the official scout emblem on the side.

REMINGTON MASTER BLADE MARKINGS						
1921-1924	1924-1933	1933-1935	1933-1935	1935-1940	1935-1940	1935-1940
(National Knife Magazine 2-'91)						

My R3843 has the main blade like #3 above and the small blade is like #2 in the chart.



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Memorabilia for all Seasons

Last month I featured a Boy Scout Christmas Tree Ornament and now for February, a nice Boy Scout Valentine.

I attended a small grade school when I was a kid and we had four grades in one room. On Valentines day we had to have a valentine for each person in the room, including the teacher. In four or five years you could have collected a lot of scout valentines, but just like the baseball cards and comic books, they eventually ended up in the trash.

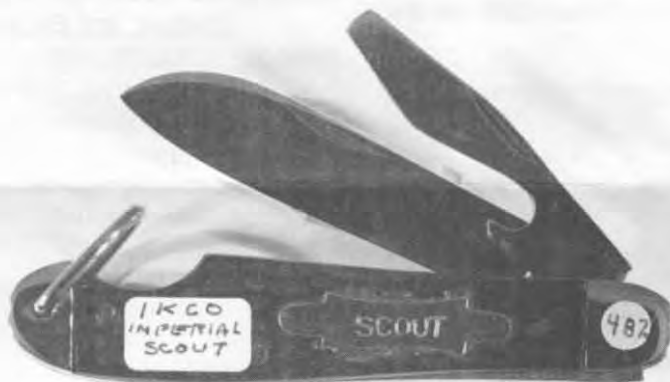


I was in an antique shop with one of my kids when they spotted this one in a glass showcase. I knew I wanted it, but was afraid to ask how much? When the clerk said "three dollars," I said "I'll take it." I don't have a clue on the age of this one, but some of these go back into the early teens. This one measures 5" x 5 3/4" and has "moveable" arms, so should be worth a little more.

When your checking out that flea market or yard sale, be aware of old boy scout post cards and valentines. It's like finding a \$20 bill.

E. O.'s

SCOUT, BOY SCOUT, MADE FOR SCOUTS



They were thinking of me or people like me (with no fingernails) when they came up with the "easy-open" knife pattern.

After spending a weekend at a knife show, my fingers are sore from opening many knives that I might be interested in. So, I really appreciate the easy-open pattern and I think they would be fun to collect. There are many on the market and I have a few more in my collection. However, these three pictured have a "scout" shield and that is what makes them different.

Pictured on top is a **IKCO (Imperial)** swell-end, two-blade. The small blade in this case is a cap-lifter/screwdriver pattern and the knife has a "scout" shield. In the middle is an old **L. F. & C. (Landers Frary and Clark)** # 022661/2 "boy scout" shield knife. Should date in the 1914-1930 years somewhere. **(Con't. on Backside)**

New, Limited Edition Official Scout Knife!

Attention all Scout Knife Collectors! Here is one you might want to add to your collection.

Camillus came out with this new limited edition Official Boy Scout knife and created it exclusively for the Boy Scouts of America. This commemorative knife features Norman Rockwell's painting, "Tomorrow's Leader" on the front and the Boy Scout Oath on the back.



Bradford Estabrook from Worcester, MA, sent me a new 1997 Official Boy Scout catalog and I copied the picture you see here.

This knife is a standard 3 3/4" and is numbered U1002. The knife comes in a gift box and sells for \$49.95.

I don't know how many jillion they will issue, but with a \$50 price tag, that will "limit the edition" somewhat. However, the price will definitely go **up** if they don't flood the market with them.

(E. O.'s from front side)

Pictured on bottom is a real nice **KAR-BAR Union Cut. Co. Olean, N. Y.** 3 1/4" with long pull and two blades. I believe it is a # 62128. Notice the "made for scouts" shield. It also has "left" and "right hand" opening blades. The small blade is behind the large blade on this knife. Top two knives are 3 3/8" long.

Again, I think E.O.'s would make a fun collection, only collect **all** easy-open knives, not just the "scout" shield knives.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

When I first started collecting scout and utility knives, I bought every different tang stamp I could find. When I first saw this one at Mile High Flea Market in Denver in '89, It caught my eye. "**Drink Coca-Cola**" it said on the oval shield and I had never seen one like it before. I was curious to see the tang stamp and what company made such a knife. The knife was dirty and in poor condition, but as I rubbed on it and moved around to find the best light, I could read "**COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.**" on the tang. On the backside it looked like a "**30,**" but it was almost gone so hard to say for sure.

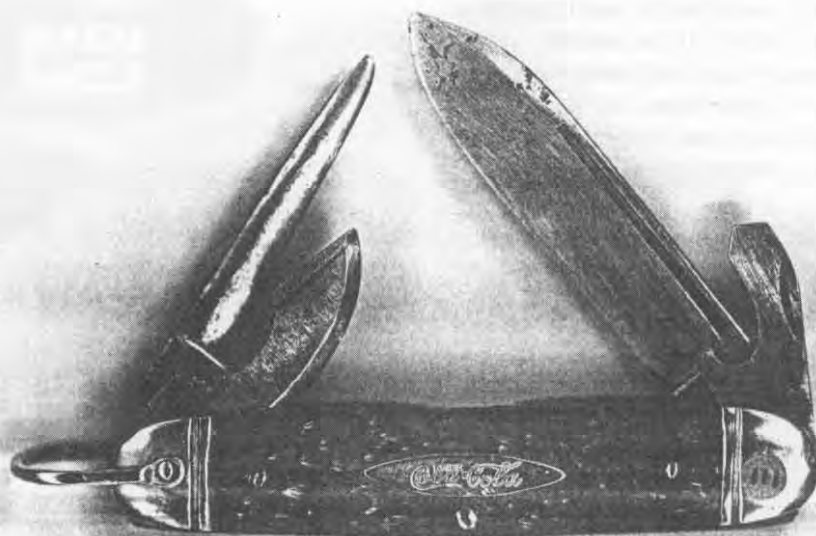
When I got home and started looking through my books, I found that it was made by **Camillus** somewhere in the 1930's -1940's.

Levin's 3rd Ed. says: "Coca-Cola is genuine, made by Camillus." He rates the stamp (H) high.

Goines' book 1986 says: "Coca-Cola Atlanta firm has had knives made for advertisement purposes for many years."

Antique Knives, 2nd Ed.: "Coca-Cola USA, no such mark or knife like that."

This knife has the back handle replaced with clear plastic and is in rough condition. However, until I find a better one... I'll just hang on to this knife.



COCA-COLA (Half-Circle) BOTTLING CO. Made by Camillus 1930's-1940's.

Bang!

I imagine most of you have seen these, but maybe not if you're not into guns or shooting.



To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the BSA, Winchester came out with this commemorative ammunition.

Top picture shows the bottom of a .22 long rifle box which is very colorful.

The lower picture is the top of the box. It pictures several scouts shooting their rifles. Each shell in the box has the tenderfoot emblem engraved in the primer end.



The ten-box carton is also available with nice multi-colored scout scenes and historic scout figures.

Find one at your next gun show.



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More Leader Knives...

SO MUCH FOR MY THEORY.

Willis Hoy from Kentucky sent me a zerox copy of his scout leaders knives and I printed it for you on the right. Willis has a nice collection of the small two-blade knives and has some that I didn't realize existed.

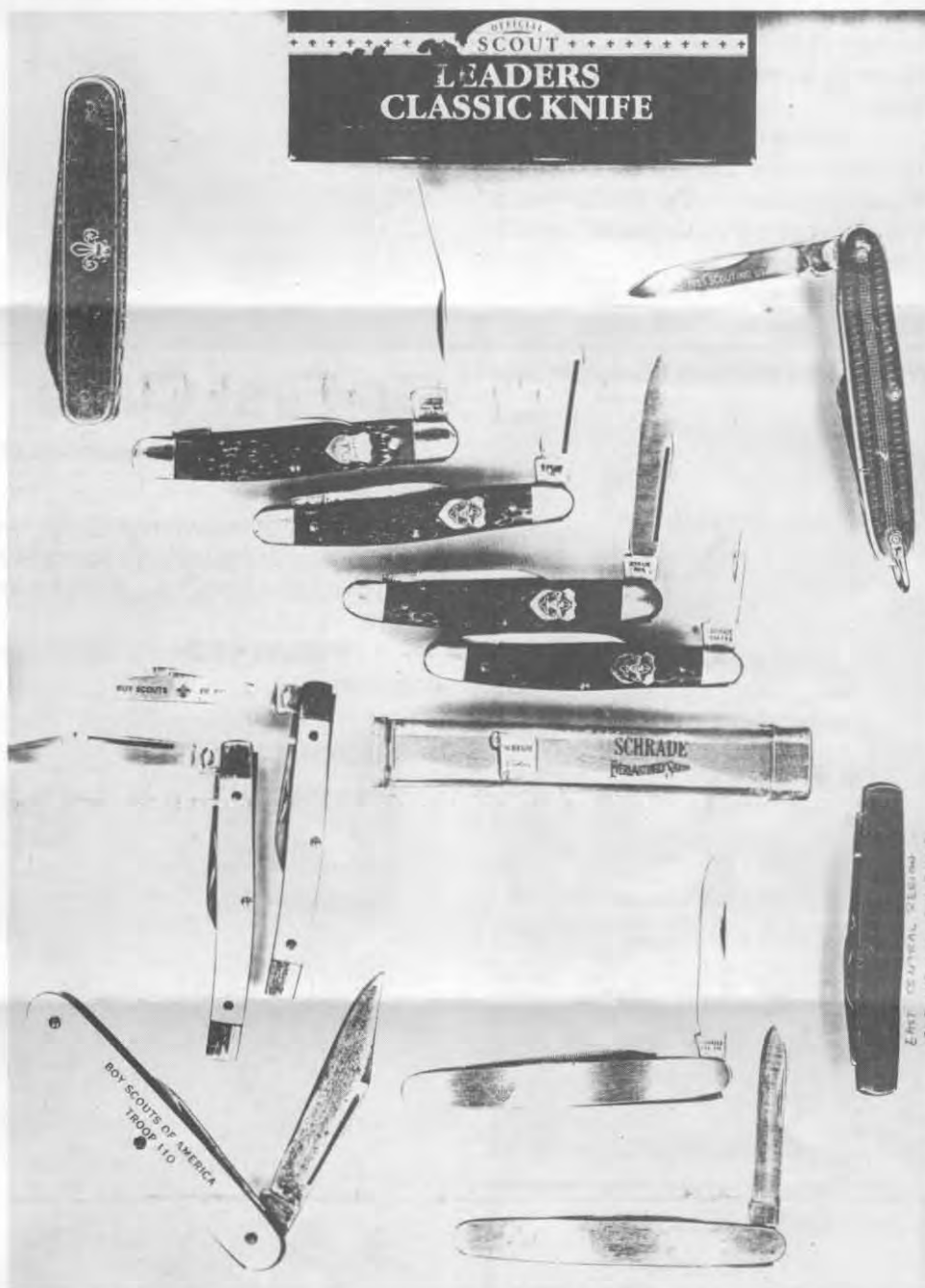
Starting from the top left is a British **Sheffield** product. The small blade is a screwdriver/cap lifter. Middle four are the classic leaders knives. Top is a **Camillus** and the bottom three are by **Schrade** and all a little different. On the left is two made by **Frontier**. You can see the official logo etched on the blade. I never knew Frontier even made any official scout knives? Lower left is made by **Autopoint**, Chicago. Middle two on bottom are made by **Schrade USA** and **Schrade Walden**. Upper right looks like a 75th Anniversary knife 1910-1985. The bottom right is a 1985 N. J. knife.

Thanks to Willis for this nice picture.

"Start whittling now...be patient...and soon you'll be able to whittle models in a craftsmanship manner." (Cattaraugus Cut. Co., "How to Whittle." 1930's.)

We have all heard of the **Russell** and **Case** Whittling Kits and how collectable they are today, but did you know the boy scouts had whittling kits also?

Back in the early 1930's, **Cattaraugus Knife Company** advertised their "knife to make things with," and called it the **Whitt-L-Kraft** knife. It was a four-blade knife that had blades made especially for whittling. It was approved by the B.S.A. and was assigned the number 1087 to make it official. If you are not familiar with this particular knife, see **Lone Scout**, August '95 for a pic-



ture. In excellent condition the Whitt-L-Kraft now sells for around \$450.

The scouts also approved other whittling kits and **Ed Holbrook** has one of the originals that seems to be in mint condition.

Pictured is the **B.S.A. Official DeLuxe Whittling Kit No. 1648**.

Ed also sent a copy of a 1947

scout catalog page that shows the kit and two others along with a whittler knife and X-acto knife kits. I will picture the page later. **(Picture on back side.)**

Official DeLuxe Whittling Kit

A dream-box for whittlers! Contains ten assorted professionally-designed soft wood cut-outs, X-acto knife and interchangeable blade, complete instruction booklet, and a set of eight brilliant water colors and brush to give life-like tones to your finished figures.

No. 1648 \$2.25

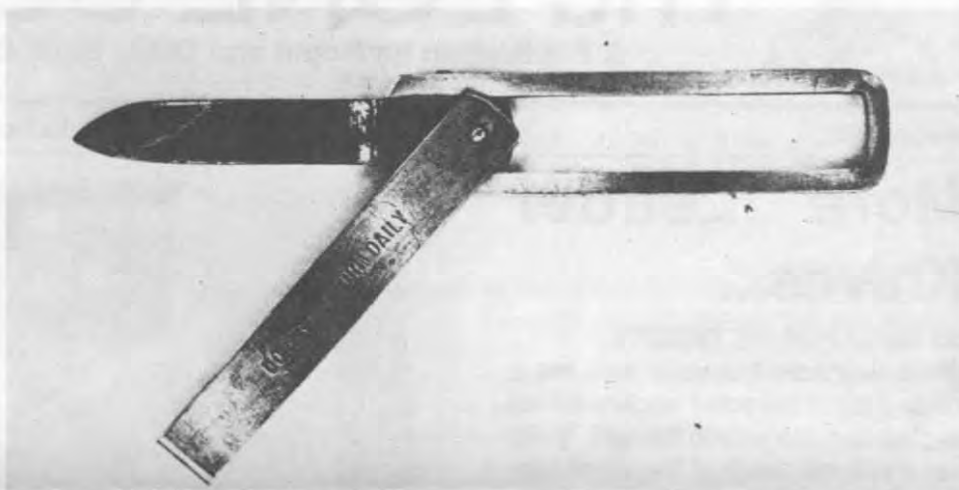
Do You Know The Scout Slogan?

If you owned this knife pictured on the right you could have a daily reminder. This fold-out gentleman's knife, or watch fob knife, is owned by **Willis Hoy** and is stamped "**Do A Good Turn Daily.**" Is it a scout knife? Probably not, however I'll bet it was connected to the scouts as a prize, gift, or presentation piece.

I have one like it, but mine has my dad's name instead of the scout slogan engraved on the side. It has a round hook on the end and was part of a watch fob chain.

This knife is nice and a good addition to any scout collection.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Whittling Kit No. 1648 from front side



Go First Class

Better check the backside of your uniform pins, especially if they are from the old days.

Many of these badges were used only for a short time. For example, the **T. H. Foley Co.** made badges from 1910-1915 and then went out of business. This made these badges highly collectable and raised their value to amounts you wouldn't believe.

Pictured below are three sets of badges that are from the **Ed Holbrook** collection.



Official Scout Knives FOR SALE

**KA-BAR, Remington, New York,
LF&C, Cardinal, Schrader,
Western, Pal, and Others.**

Send SASE
for List and Prices of
30+ Knives

Joe Hughes
771 Boston Post Road #179
Marlborough, MA 01752

Ed identifies these as: Far Left, 1 1/2" standard size 1st class, 2nd class and tenderfoot. Center, the 3" 1st class and 2nd class badges by T. H. Foley. And on the right, WWII thin, tin like, set of badges.

Also, be on the lookout for the enameled 1st class hat badges. They come in 2" and 3" size and can be green, blue, red, silver or gold. The going collector prices on these can be from \$100 to \$2,000.



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A Drum Roll Please!

John Vacca from Coal City, Illinois, deserves a drum roll or something for his great collection of Boy Scout Memorabilia.

John sent me many pictures of his collection to share with you and I will try to include one or more each month.



Four Drums and a Tin Horn

Pictured this month are four scout drums and a tin scout horn. I don't know if any are official scout or if there is such a thing. However, these are all very colorful and each has scouts in action printed all the way around the drum as you can see. The horn also has scouts pictured up and down the side.

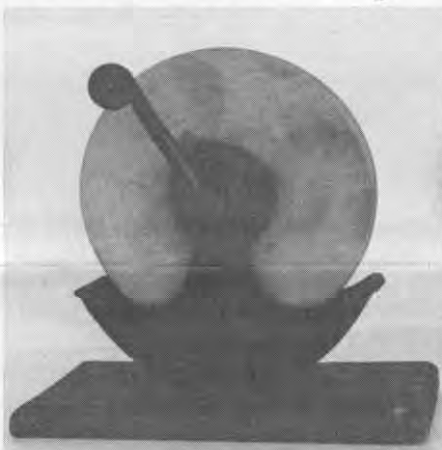
Now drums are something that I never thought to look for in scout memorabilia, how about you?

Say hello to two new men that are now receiving the Lone Scout.

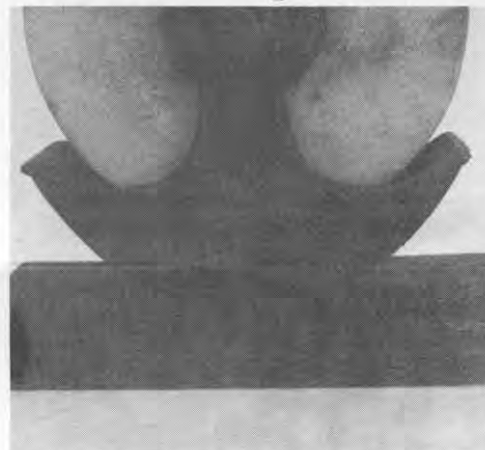
Nelson L. Engle, Bath, Pennsylvania
Collector of B. S. Knives and Bugles.

Bill G. Meggenberg, Meade, Kansas
Collector of B. S. Memorabilia.

K. K. Tabletop Knife Sharpener



K. K. Kitchen Hand Grinder



K. K. Shield On Both Sides

I mentioned one time that I liked the knife related items, well here is one that fits in real well.

Pictured is a **Keen Kutter Kitchen Table Top Knife Sharpener**. It stands about ten inches tall and the oak base is six by ten inches wide. Since these pictures were taken I cleaned it up quite-a-bit. Took it all apart and used a wire wheel brush on all the iron parts and sanded down the oak base that it sits on. I stained and waxed the wood and sprayed the iron with clear lacquer to prevent rusting.

The stone sits in a tray-like dish that holds water and is fed onto the stone as you hand crank it. The iron base has a nice Keen Kutter emblem embossed on both sides and underneath one side is the number "7" and under the other side is the number "8". The Keen Kutter emblem is without the E. C. Simmons.

I don't know how old it is or anything else about the grinder, but hoping some of you could help me out.

I was at our local Colby Show about a month ago and a fellow came to my table and asked if I was interested in buying a Keen Kutter grinder and that is how I came to own it.

After I got it all slicked up, I glued a piece of green felt material on the bottom of the base and it now proudly has a good spot in "my" room.

Not Another Collection?

Does anyone have any **Toy Soldiers** for sale?

I got interested in soldiers when I got caught up with the cardboard boy scout figures a few months back. I started looking for information on the little scouts with the rifles that came with the games by McLoughlin Brothers of New York. I have found several different kinds to collect and a good reference book on the subject.

Pictured is two of the boy scout toy "soldiers," or figures that are shown

in the book. I would like to find several of many different kinds available to make a nice collection. Maybe some hollow lead, solid lead, plaster, rubber and I would really like some scout figures in the collection. **(Con't. on Back)**



Can You Play Taps or Reveille?



If you owned this Official Boy Scout Record it could help.

Another item from **John Vacca's** collection is this record of **Boy Scout Bugle Calls**.

You can't read it in the picture, but the record label says: **BOY SCOUT BUGLE CALLS, Camp Bugler, American Record Mfg. Co., Framingham, Mass.**

Again, I don't know how old this record is but it looks like a 33 1/3 RPM to me, so 1950's? John says he has some more in his collection.

How many times when you are at a garage sale or flea market you see a stack of records and pass them by... Could be an official Scout Record in that bunch somewhere.

Along with the records, John has a lot of **Official Boy Scout Sheet Music** also.

(Soldiers, from front side.)

In case anyone is interested, the book is: **TOY SOLDIERS**, First Edition by Bertel Bruun. An Avon Book, New York, 1994.

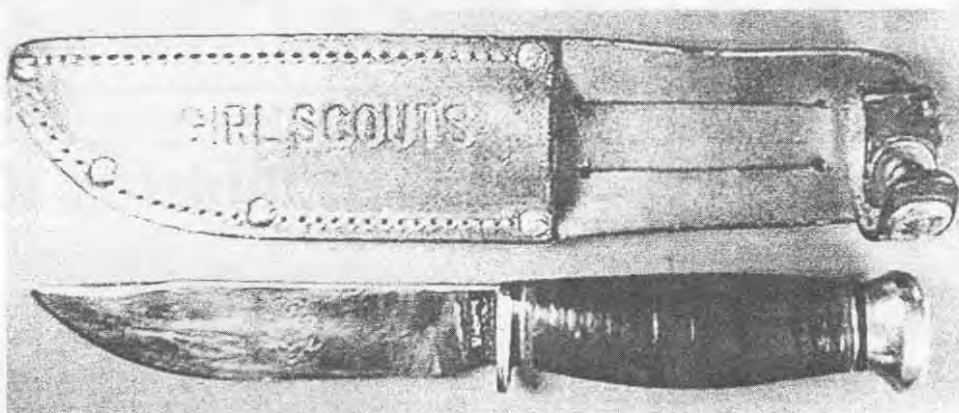
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KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Marbles Sport - Rare Official Girl Scout Sheath Knife

This rare Official Girl Scout sheath knife goes back to the early 1930's. It belongs to collector **Joe Hughes** of Marlborough, MA and is included in his list of "For Sale" scout knives.

I don't have a very good picture of this knife and I have myself to blame for that. Joe sent me a disk with a good picture and I messed it up. So, don't blame Joe as I had to use the one on his list of knives that you see here.

Anyway, I can't tell you much about it as I don't have one and have never seen one. It is a **Marbles** four inch Sport Official Scout knife with the G. S. logo etched on the blade. There is no mistaking the sheath, as it has deeply stamped on it "GIRL SCOUTS."

I am always amazed that the etch still remains on the blades that are over 60 years old and many of these blades show a lot of wear.

Marbles also made two sheath knives in the 1930's for the boy scouts. The 4 1/2" blade Woodcraft and the smaller 4" Sport knife. The three knives in excellent condition would be great to have in any scout knife collection.

A fellow from Denver was going to sell me the machine that stamped the Official Scout Logo on knife blades that he purchased when **Western** went out of business, but he backed out. I think it would have been real nice in my collection.

Utica Whittling Kit

Last month I pictured a Boy Scout Official Whittling Kit and talked about two or three others. **Fred Clark** from Colorado Springs, CO., tells me of another kit that I should be aware of.

Fred said he had at one time a Whittling Kit made by **Utica**. The kit contained a cheap three inch knife with three blades and a block of balsa wood with plans for a whale or boat to be carved. The kit came in a cardboard box with simulated wood grain finish.

Several years ago an article appeared in **Knife World** about the kit and was written by **Richard White** of the Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors Club of Denver. Fred also is an active member of the R.M.B.C. Club and collects knives by **Holly Mfg. Co.** and also collects knife picks. (openers)



Official Sheath Knife

Finest forged steel blade, proper for sticking and skinning. Thin enough for slicing and whittling.

No. 1559 Remington Make Price, \$1.75
No. 1560 Marble Make Price, 1.75

February 1934 Boy's Life

TRADE:

I have seven scout knives to trade.
3 Girl Scout, green w/clear plastic. Ex.
2 Cub Scout w/blue handles. Ex.
2 Brownie Scout w/red handles. Good.
Trade any or all for something I don't have. **Wayne King, (816) 228-5852.**
wjking@tfa.net



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For Service to Boyhood

About the size of a silver dollar is this nice appreciation novelty knife. It was presented to some one in 1960 for "Service to Boyhood."



Ambassador by Colonial, 1951 -

From the John Vacca collection this flat round knife is one and one-half inches across and has a nail file and a knife blade. It was made by the Ambassador Company and looks to be in mint condition.

I have sold several of these knives from my table, but never one that was connected to the scouts.

Hurrah for 1953!

Shown below are a couple of items for sale from a 1953 Christmas Scout Catalog. The prices are low, but take notice of the eight-cent tax added on to the toilet kit. Also, check the price of the battery that you could purchase for 12 and one-half cents?

Official Toilet Kit

Good grooming away from home simplified by handy kit containing comb, mirror, soap and dish, hair brush, washcloth, and toothbrush holder; all fitted in tie-string khaki case. Slips into your pack, weighs very little.

No. 1689 Plus 8c Tax on Case .. \$2.35

Official Flashlight

Dependable flash throws 400' beam: L-head design, 3-way switch, belt clip; with bulb, batteries.

No. 1278 Metal Case \$1.95

No. 1097 Plastic Case ... 1.95

No. 1278A Batteryea. .12½

How To Attract Attention...

JUST SAY WINCHESTER OR REMINGTON.



Top: Winchester #4950 Bottom: Remington-UMC Unknown Number

No collection of scout and utility knives would be complete without a Remington and Winchester. Not that my collection is complete by any means, I do have this nice pair of quality knives.

A Remington or Winchester knife always seem to command respect at a show or in a collection.

When I decided to collect scout and utility knives I started looking for these two right away. I traded for the Winchester and bought the Remington outright. Four-blade utility knives by Remington and Winchester are a little harder to find than the ordinary two or three blade models by the same companies. Consequently, they also command a much higher price. Sargent lists the #4950 Winchester in mint condition at \$400.00 and the (no number) Remington for \$225.00.

The Winchester is marked in the usual manner, WINCHESTER TRADE MARK MADE IN USA, with the cap lifter blade marked the same. The can opener is marked WINCHESTER. It is 3 5/8" long with bone handles and tang marked 4950.

REMINGTON-UMC (in a circle) MADE IN USA is the tang mark on this unknown pattern Remington and the punch is also marked with REMINGTON-UMC in a circle. This knife is a little bigger and heavier than the 4950, it is 3 3/4" long and also has bone handles. It is in better condition than the Winchester, but it has been cleaned and buffed and still has a faint blade etch if you have good eyes.

So, if you want to command attention at a show...Just say "Winchester or Remington."

Girl Reserves



The lady I bought this pin from said the **GR** stood for "Girl Reserves." She thought it was an early form of the girl scouts organization? I don't think so, but for a couple of bucks I figured what the heck.

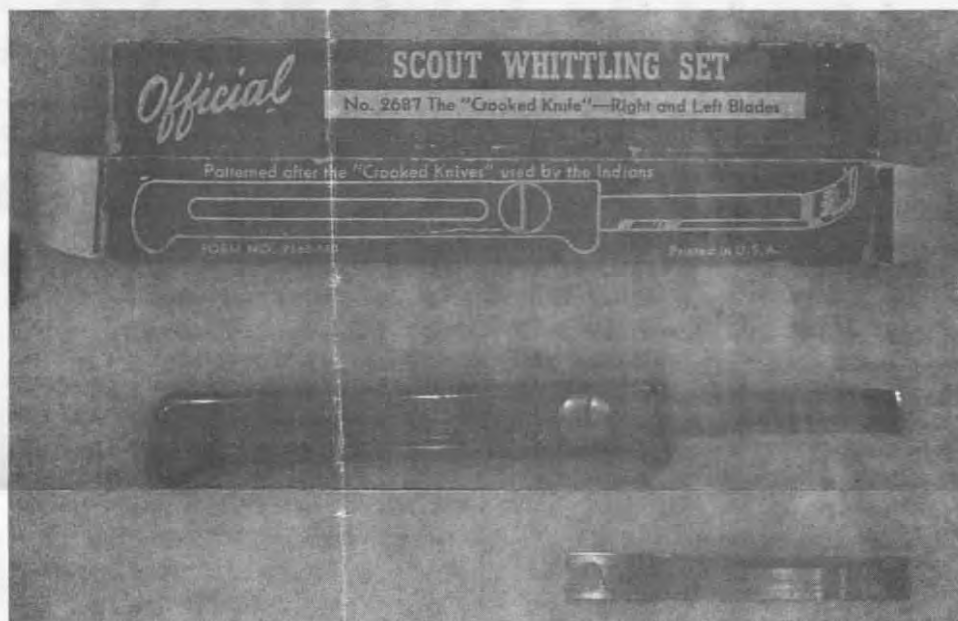
I couldn't find anything on it with my limited resources on the girl scouts, but thought one of you might know what the GR stands for.

It's an old pin and on the back it has: GREEN DUCK CO. CHICAGO (Picture of a Duck) and a union label from Chicago with a number. The actual pin is blue-green and white and 9/16" in diameter.

NKCA Show- Springfield, MO
July, 11-13

The Official Scout "Crooked Knife" #2687.

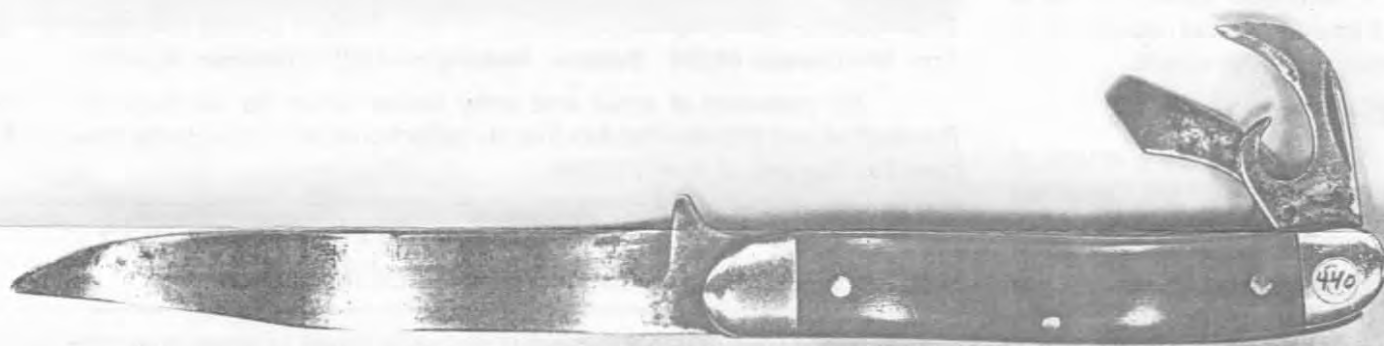
PATTERNED AFTER THE "CROOKED KNIVES" USED BY THE INDIANS.



That is what it says on the original black box that this knife came in. It dates back to the early 1950's and came with a right and left blade.

In the April, '96 **Lone Scout**, **Ed Holbrook** sent a picture of his Official Scout Handi-Kraft Knife that was made of aluminum and dated back to 1960-85. It was very similar to this red plastic model that appeared in the 1953 Boy Scout Christmas Catalog and is part of the **John Vacca** collection.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



FOLD OR FIX?

Is it a folding knife or a fixed blade knife? Both, it has two folding blades and one fixed blade.

Imperial made this three-blade knife, that according to the patented numbers, dates to around 1939-1942. It has the **HAMMER BRAND** logo (Arm and Hammer) and two numbers on the back side of the cap lifter blade. P2170537 - 2281782. It is seven inches in length and has red plastic handles with brass liners.



Boy Scout Handbooks. Center is 1910 Hard Cover Two Author Version. From the John Vacca Collection.



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Show and Tell Time

Everyone is always talking about getting young people interested or involved in knives and maybe helping them start their own collection. Well, I thought I might give it a shot and at the same time show-off my own collection.

At our local community college where I work, the librarian asked me if I would display my knives in the lobby of the campus library. After I made sure that they would be secure and checked to see how much space was available, I agreed to do so.

She gave me a circular display case that could be locked and would hold most of my official scout knives. I put in most of my knives, both folding and straight, along with some scout articles and an old scout campaign hat.

I left the display up for several weeks and thought I better not push my luck, as you know how things disappear especially on a college campus the week before closing for the summer.

I received a lot of good comments from both teachers and students and the librarian asked if I would do it again next year? I told her yes and I would bring my character knife collection along with some 1950's memorabilia the next time.

Think about it...I know a lot of you already do a great job of promoting the hobby and displaying your collection, but next time how about showing it in the public school system? An ideal time for your scout knife or scout memorabilia collection to be displayed would be during Boy or Girl Scout Week.

Girl Scout Knife Collection Surfaces

From: **WGMSC Connections**, May '97

Six years after the founding of Girl Scouting in the United States in 1912, the organization published its first Girl Scout equipment catalogue. National headquarters offered two official knives, one for \$1.50 and one for \$.75.

The week after the Girl Scouts 85th Anniversary on March 12, 1997, Linda Rosewarne, Leader of Brownie Girl Scout Troop #452 Turners Falls, stopped into the Service Center with her co-worker **Terry Rushbrook**. Terry brought his collection of over sixty Girl Scout knives dating from 1918 to 1987. The knives included those with bone handles, those with celluloid handles and those with green plastic handles. Some of the earlier and rarer knives are worth over \$200. Terry attends knife and gun shows and frequents antique shops hoping to add to his collection of Girl Scout and other knives. -Diane Houston (Edited for space)

How Good of a Scout are You? (Answers next month)

1. The Scout Law "Kind" is number ____ in the chain of 12.
2. You can tell this _____ snake by its copperish-brown color with hour glass shaped cross bands of a darker shade.
3. It will help you to remember that our American Trees are generally grouped in two large groups, the _____ and the _____ trees.
4. "Red sky at night, _____ delight," is a sign of _____ weather tomorrow.
5. "When the dew is on the grass _____ will never come to pass."
6. The leader raises his arms 45 degrees, then swings them from front to rear and back several times, this silent hand signal tells his troop to _____.
7. (._.)= _____.
8. The Four Famous Americans atop a famous mountain monument are: _____.
9. When carried, the American flag is at its own _____ or _____ of other flags.
10. The flag that waved over Fort McHenry when it was bombarded in September 1814, had _____ stars and _____ stripes.
11. The skills of a scout cover the whole wide outdoors. These skills fall into _____ groups.
12. The service project for Star and Life Scout calls for you to give _____ hours of service for each award.
13. In the year _____ BSA membership rose to an all time high of 6,500,000 members.
14. The "Order of the Arrow" was founded around the year _____.
15. In the year _____, the first National Jamboree was actually held.
16. The founder of the Girl Scouts was _____.
17. The Eagle rank almost was not. Seton, wanted the top rank to be a _____.

Extra Credit:

One of the competing organizations during the founding of the BSA was the _____. The **RIBS** organization was also started during the formative years, It was the _____.

Another Year Older and Deeper in Debt.

I'm sure this is the way most of us feel, however, the years still roll by.

With the next issue of **Lone Scout**, starts the fourth year I have been sending you this publication.

As I mentioned before, I have the summer off and can't use the equipment at work to produce the publication, so the quality won't be as good as usual. I am forced to use the copy machine and if it has been serviced lately it will put out fairly good copies. The large pictures are always a task, even for the printing press.

Anyway, I want to hear from you and hope to receive a picture or two on a new knife you found, or a nice piece of scout memorabilia.

I plan to go to the **Springfield Show** again in July and hope to see some of you there. I will give you a report on the show and include some pictures also.

I still dream of a show where we could all attend together and have a great time. Wouldn't that be fun!

Hurry, Get Your List!

I just received some lists of Scout items for sale from **Terry Rushbrook**, 60 King Philip Dr., Longmeadow, MA. 01106 (413)567-6810 Terry_Rushbrook@SMTP.NYNEX.COM

The list includes three pages of scout publications, (*Scouting* and *Boy's Life* etc.) hard bound books, and a few First Aid Kits.

The second list of two pages consists of Girl Scouts Knives and a few Girl Scout items. Most of these items are for sale and the lists are free for the asking. Write, call or e-mail Terry and he will send you one. Terry has some interesting items for sale.

FOR SALE:

Girl Scout Record. Two-record set. "Songs Girl Scouts Sing" 78 R.P.M. Ex. Cond. \$25.

Kriss Cross Stropper. (The one that turns the blade over automatically) Pat. 1921 W/box and papers. Ex. Cond., Box is worn. \$40.

Bauer and Black First Aid Kit. 90% original contents. Tin Box, V. Good \$40. Call: 913 462-3465

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



"Tomorrow's Leader" BSA #1002

I finally received my new **Rockwell Limited Edition Official BSA Knife**. I ordered it several months back and it has been back ordered until now.

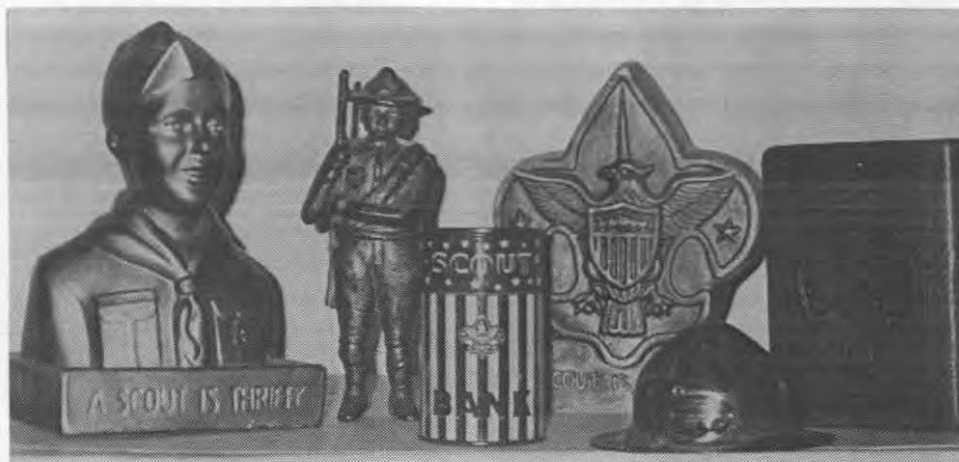
It is real nice. It was created exclusively for the Boy Scouts of America by **Camillus** and features Norman Rockwell's painting, "Tomorrow's Leader" on the front and the Boy Scout Oath on the back. It measures 3 3/4 inches long and comes in an attractive green gift box with red felt inside and with the painting repeated again on the lid of the box.

I really like the clear plastic see-through handles with the picture underneath. I only hope these will not cloud over and deteriorate with age.

The Novelty Knife Company of Canton, Ohio also made an official scout knife with clear handles back in the 1950's. Their transparent handle depicted scouts at a lake camping scene and had "Be Prepared" and the first class emblem as part of the picture. These were made only in a limited quantity and are now extremely rare. The Novelty Knife Company also made this same knife with a compass inserted in the handle.

This new version made by Camillus should last a long while, as I don't see a scout using a \$50 knife in the field to open a can of beans.

Scout Law #9. A Scout is Thrifty



Here are a few Boy Scout Banks from the **John Vacca Collection**.

Yes, save your money and buy scout knives and scout memorabilia. This will probably get you a better return on your investment than your broker can.



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Girl Reserves? Yes.

In the May issue of Lone Scout I asked about a pin that had "GR" on it and thought it might be "Girl Reserves." Well, the lady that told me about that, was right! It's funny how things work, before I bought that pin I might have seen information on it several times and it would have gone unnoticed.

On June 20th we took a short vacation to South Dakota and we were checking out a rack of books in a flea market in Custer, South Dakota where we stayed the first night. I noticed a couple of Boy Scout books and was looking at them when I saw this small thin book next to them. I pulled it out and there it was, "The Girl Reserves, A Guide For Every Loyal Blue Triangle Girl." It was a small five by seven inch book with only 87 pages and a faded soft blue cover. It had a copyright of 1921 by the **National Board of Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A. (YWCA)** This particular issue was published in January, 1922.

The Girl Reserves was organized for young school girls. They had units for grade school, junior high and freshmen girls. It was very similar to the Girl Scouts with a code, slogan and purpose. Their symbol was the four principles of development in a girls life: Health, Knowledge, Service and Spirit.

Like a Shot in the Arm...

SPRINGFIELD NKCA SHOW

I really enjoyed myself again this year at the Springfield Show, but I knew I would. Living in Kansas, I don't get to many big knife shows and that is what makes this show special to me.

It was fun just to hob-nob with the likes of **Jim and Cindy Taylor, Jim Parker, Darrell Bradley, Bruce Voyles and many others.**

I was lucky to have two special gentlemen on either side of me that were great. One from Illinois and one from Florida. The Florida man brought his three and one-half year old daughter who was a real delight and exceptionally well behaved.

I did sell and trade a few things from my table and might have even shown a small profit if you can imagine that?

I found a near mint Boy Scout First Aid Kit (1933) with all the original supplies inside from Bruce Voyles and I got the bid on a Girl Scout Chow Kit in the Saturday night auction. I also purchased a '97 Remington "Bullet Knife" to continue my Remington repro collection and a '97 Kansas Club Knife from one of our Kansas members.

No scout knife displays this year and the "Best of Show" award went to a nice collection of "Office" knives.

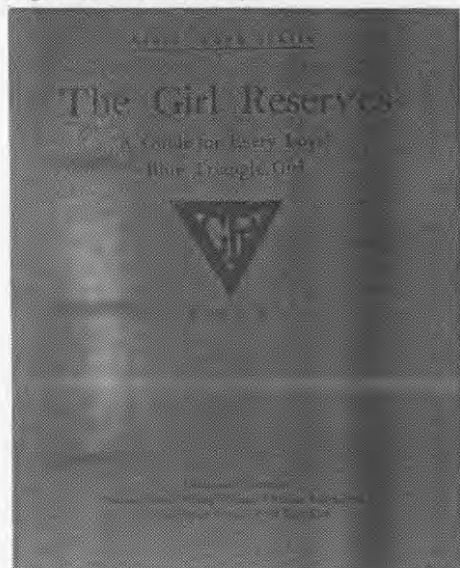
At this time I would like to plug our **2nd Annual Kansas Knife Show**. It will be held on **November 1st and 2nd in Wichita, Kansas**. We expect at least 100 tables and if **YOU** come, 101.

For more information or a flyer, call 316-775-7640 daytime, or 316-524-1952 after 5:00 p.m. I could also send you a copy of my flyer.

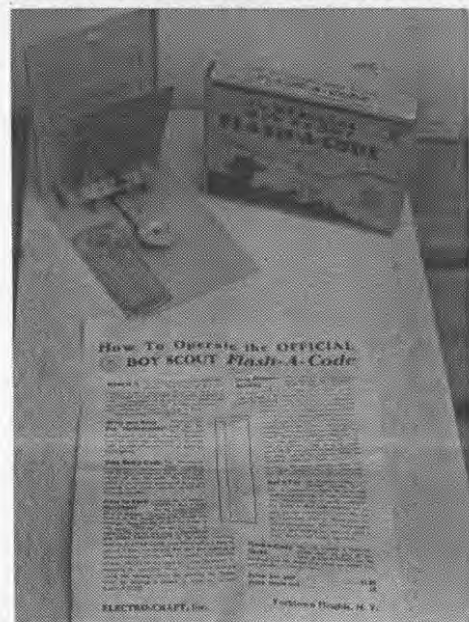
Another nice piece of scout memorabilia from **Ed Holbrook, Oregon City, OR.**

Ed sent this picture of his **Official Boy Scout Heliograph Signal Set**. He has this 1936 set along with the original box and instructions. The ad appeared in the February 1936 **Boy's Life** magazine. Notice the **NRA** mark on the box? (National Recovery Act)

Ed mentioned he would like to see collections from other Lone Scouts. How about it guys?



Heliograph Signal Set
Send signals as far as you can see
flash of the sun in a mirror.
No. 1526 Price, 50c



KNIFE OF THE MONTH



WILLIS McCLURG

I was sorry to hear about the death of **Willis McClurg** of Wichita Kansas.

When I placed an ad in **Knife World** three years ago to see if any scout knife collector was interested in corresponding by way of a newsletter, Willis was the very first to answer my ad.

My deepest sympathies to the family.

ANSWERS--

From Last Month

How Good of a Scout Were YOU?

1. Number 6
2. Copperhead
3. Conifers, Broad leafed
4. Sailors', Fair
5. Rain
6. Form a circle around him.
7. L
8. Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Lincoln.
9. Right, In front.
10. 15, 15
11. 12
12. 6
13. 1973-74
14. 1915
15. 1937
16. Juliette Low
17. Wolf

Ex. Credit

ABS, American Boy Scouts

RIBS, Rhode Island Boy Scouts

This months' feature is a dandy group of **Remington Scout Knives**, plus a real nice piece of scout memorabilia.

While I was attending the Springfield NKCA Show last week, along came **Jim Pitblado** from Long Beach California. Jim is a "**Lone Scout**" collector of mint scout knives and as you can see from these beauties, he has a great collection. Jim had the knives but found the metal Remington display on the Internet. The display is 10 x 16 inches, red, white and green and has metal pegs to hold the knives.

Jim said that in the lower right corner of the display you can see a "bullet hole" or indentation that was made from a pellet or BB while someone was using the display for target practice.

The Mad Hatter

I mentioned we went on a short vacation in June and somehow we found ourselves overnight in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The next morning before heading south for home, we hit the local antique shops. I found another official campaign hat only this one came with the original shipping box. This hat is different than the others I have and it was made by **Stetson**. The original cardboard shipping box is from **BSA National Supply, New Brunswick, N J.** and has all the labels and official tape on it. The hat was sent to **Palmyra, PA., to H. W. Kreider Men's and Boys Clothing** and the shipping date looks like 1967.

It would be interesting to find out how this hat made its way to Belle Fourche, S. D. and now to Colby, Kansas and who knows where from here?

The booth that I found this hat in had several other scout items for sale also. I found a near mint **1938 1st Ed. Boy Scout Handbook** and a nice **1956 Boy Scout Encyclopedia**. There were also two large Boy Scout Calendars that went way back in the twenties, but he wanted way too much money for those.

I also added to my toy soldier collection on the way home in Spearfish, S. D. I found three more toy soldiers, two lead and one made with rubber which is a little harder to find. My collection has now ballooned to 38.

Cash of Rare Western, USA Scout/Utility Pattern Knives Found

(By Richard White)

A phone call from a local tool collector resulted in the purchase of literally hundreds of unassembled 4-blade delrin handled **Western** utility pattern knives. These knives are stamped "E" which is the designation for 1980 production. (Western started stamping "A" in 1976, "B" in 1977, etc.) These knives are certainly the last large group of mint knives still available from the now-defunct Western Cutlery Company. In addition to the scout/utility pattern, a large group of 1-blade trappers with delrin handles were also purchased. All of these knives are obviously in MINT condition. They were in the basement of a former Western employee, where they laid for almost 20 years, and were part of an estate purchase.

These knives are available, assembled in Mint condition for \$30.00, plus postage. Quantity discounts available.

These knives may also be purchased in "kit" form, with all blades, punch, opener, liners, bail, handles with scales attached, and necessary pinning material for \$15.00 plus postage. Perhaps these might make a neat "cutlery assembly board display" with the parts mounted along with a finished knife on the same board.

For information on these knives or prices for the 1-bladed trapper, call **Richard White in Denver, CO (303) 450-7164**





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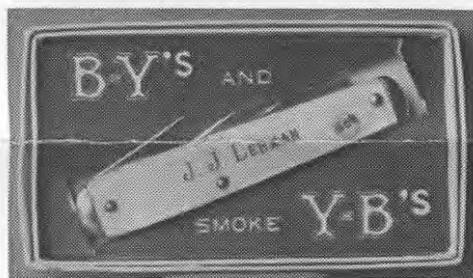
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Are Y-B's Better?

I found this knife last October at a Toy Show in Salina, Kansas. It is not a utility or scout knife, but I thought it is worth sharing with you anyway.



This three-inch white plastic handled knife came with the original box, is in near mint condition and has "J. J. Lehman" painted on the side. The curious tang stamp "Y-B CIGARS," much to my surprise, was listed in **Levine's 3rd Edition** as unknown and probably in the 1920's. He valued it as "H" or high. **Goine's** also had the name listed only.

On the lid of the box it says:

"We're glad that you treated your taste to the pleasure of at least 10 Deluxe Y-B CIGARS and sent for this enclosed knife. Now that you SEE the real value of this offer, tell all your friends to also take advantage of it."

"No doubt you agree that Y-B's are better than ever. The tobaccos are clean and mellow. The blend is rich and delightful. You'll notice the big difference."

"MAKE Y-B's YOUR DAILY PLEASURE."

Cordially,
YOCUM BROTHERS
Reading, Penn.

1879 75th Anniversary Year 1954

Looks like if you ordered ten of their deluxe cigars, you also received a knife with your name on it like this one.

This knife looks a lot like the 1950's character knives made by Camco.

B-Y's and smoke Y-B's

What a deal, what a knife!

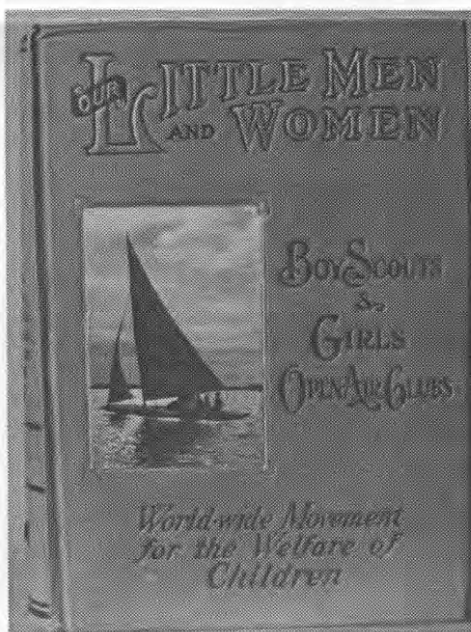
Left, Right, Left, Right...



Here is something that worked out great for me, something for the boy scout collection and also for my toy soldier collection.

These special collectors edition figures are really nice. Made by **Petite, Ltd. of Nottingham, England** in the fine English tradition of highly detailed military miniatures and manufactured by permission of the Boy Scouts of America in 1995.

My daughter brought these back from Las Vegas for me, but you can purchase your very own from the 1997 Official Boy Scout Catalog. They come in their own official box with B. S. emblem and the number **5971** on the side. They are three and one-fourth inches tall (including the flag) and are professionally painted.



OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN Boy Scouts and Girls Open Air Clubs

World-wide Movement for the Welfare of Children. Copyright 1912

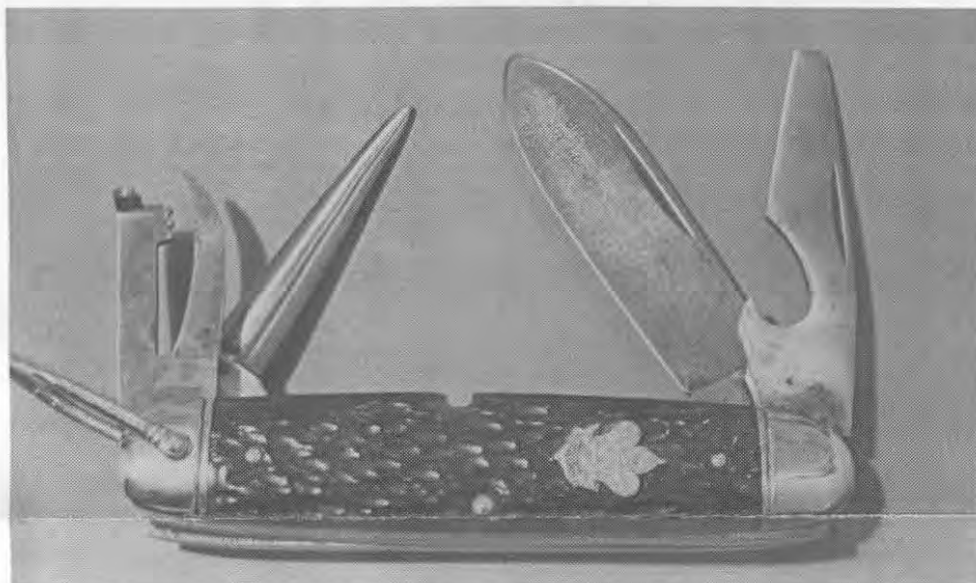
Anyone collect old scout related books? Here is one that dates back to 1912. Edited by Thomas H. Russell.

"It is a manual of work and recreation in which many valuable lessons are taught that prepare boys and girls for future usefulness."

The first page features a picture of Robert Baden Powell receiving a message of welcome from President Taft on his landing in America. The scout who bore the message is William Waller, who wears the Metal of Honor.

The book is in excellent condition.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



RS 3333 Remington Scout Knife B. S. #1496. Became #1495 When Pal Bought Out Remington. (Photo by Cindy Taylor)

This month's knife is a "not so ordinary" **RS 3333 Remington Official Scout Knife**. I know everyone (except me) has a "mint" example of this knife in their collection, however, they are getting very hard to find in mint condition and the asking price has gone out of sight.

By now, you probably noticed the "cut out" or "outlined" shield and that is what makes this RS 3333 a little harder to find.

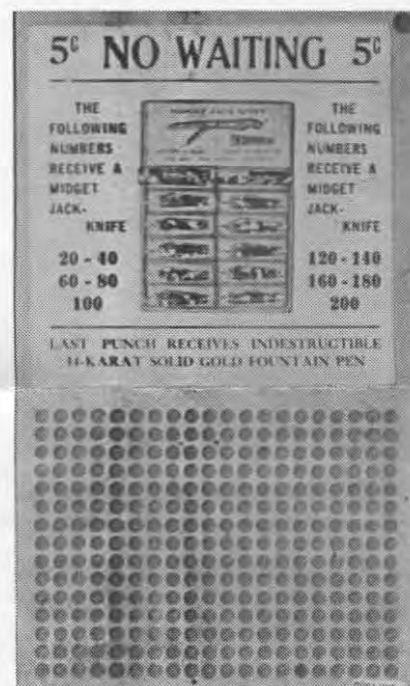
Remington's first shield was an acorn outline with the first-class emblem engraved and Remington used this same acorn shield on others of their non-official models to signify the knife contained an awl. The acorn shield was used until about 1927.

Their second shield was this "cut out" first class emblem. This is probably the rarest emblem used and apparently was made only in 1927. This is why they are a lot harder to find and command a higher price.

Most of the Remington Scout Knives were made with the circular shield with the first-class emblem engraved thereon. These started around 1929 and continued through the "Pal Official Scout Knives" made after the **Pal Cutlery Company** bought out Remington in 1939.

Step Right Up, 5¢ a Chance!

NO WAITING... INSTANT WINNERS



How much would a two-blade midget jack-knife cost, if you could sell **ten** of them and a 14K gold fountain pen all for \$15 and still make a profit? That's right, not very much!

Well, that is just what they did with this nice piece of knife memorabilia back in 1914 to 1920.

I purchased this almost perfect (has only one punch taken) knife punch board two years ago from **Bruce Voyles** at the NKCA Show in Springfield. I usually don't have what it takes to buy this kind of stuff, but for once I had something Bruce could use and we made the deal.

The board measures five by eight inches and was manufactured by **Brewer and Sons of Chicago** and is in excellent condition.

Let's see...

300 Chances x 5¢ ea. = \$15.00
\$15.00 into 10 Knives = \$1.50 ea.,
not counting the 14K Gold Pen.

Guess that is not bad considering the year is 1914. However, they still had to make a profit?

Denver Gun/Knife Show, Sept. 13-14

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By Ed Holbrook

Here is your chance to become a Scout Knife Expert. **Ed Holbrook** has just published a new booklet on **scout knives, folders and sheaths, scout axes and more**.

I have a copy and it is a dandy. The book contains 86 pages and has over 300 photos with text explaining each knife. The book also has many old advertisements.

You can purchase a copy for \$20 plus \$3.50 postage. Send to:

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"SERVICE" KNIVES



Here are just a few of the different pocket or folding knives that were issued to our G. I.'s during the war.

Starting in the lower left corner and moving along clockwise, we have the **Ulster Mountain Troop and Commando** knife that has a "phillips" screwdriver welded to the extra-wide bail. The shield is marked U. S.

The next knife is also made by **Ulster for Mountain Troops and Special Forces**. It doesn't have a shield but has an extra wide bail that is stamped "U. S." and it has a fifth blade or phillips screwdriver added. These two knives are all steel with bone handles and both Ulster knives were made around 1942.

Next is a standard four-blade utility knife with steel liners and bone handles. No tang mark, but has a **U. S. A.** shield.

A round shield that has **USMC** around the circle shield identifies this next knife as being made for the **Medical Corps** during WWII. It is a standard three and three quarter inch steel utility knife with bone handles and made by **Imperial**.

This next stainless steel army utility knife is one that we all think about when a "Army" knife is mentioned. This "**MILK**" knife as it is commonly called, was not issued in the war as it is tang stamped "**Camillus 1959.**"

This giant six inch **Navy Pilot Survival Knife** is next in line and although it is a folder, it was not a "pocket" knife. This was probably one of the first folding sheath knives on the market, as it was issued with a canvas belt sheath which is harder to find now than the knife itself. Made by **Colonial and United Machine Tool Co.** for the war effort around 1943. This knife also has a second blade that is a small saw.

Next, a four-blade utility knife. It is three and five-eighths inches long with brass liners and plastic handles. Tang marked **Camillus** and blade etched "**Property**

Of U. S. Government." A nice knife, however the handles are shrinking and fading fast. Can't tell you much about this one, looks like a newer army issue with no shield or military marks.

The last knife is a nice three-blade **U. S. Navy** issue knife. It has a spear blade, cap lifter/screwdriver and can opener blades. Has brass liners and beautiful bone handles. The shield is marked **U. S. N.** I have it listed as 1941-45 issue. It too is made by **Camillus**.

Well, this is a start on those "war" folding knives. Maybe we can go on from here. What have **you** got?

TOMORROW'S LEADER... IN TRIPLICATE



Ed Holbrook likes to frame or group like things together as indicated here with this series of scout items with the Norman Rockwell painting "**Tomorrow's Leader.**" Pictured is a February 1959 Boy's Life; the 1997 Official Scout Rockwell Knife and the knife box top. Makes a nice group.

Remington Standard \$ Knife

The last few years over Labor Day weekend I have been going to a large Antique/Flea Market in Lexington, Nebraska. Last year I found a "Remington Standard Dollar" pocket knife box, which I believe I already mentioned a while back. However, I could never find a picture or much about the # R100B \$ knife.

In the August issue of **Jim and Cindy Taylor's** cutlery catalog, they had a "Remington Dollar Knife" for sale. Here is what it says right from their catalog.

51. REMINGTON, UMC, CIRCLE, MADE IN USA. 3 3/8" JUNIOR STOCKMAN. Long pull clip is brilliantly etched, "REMINGTON STANDARD DOLLAR KNIFE." Secondary blades include a spey and fully blued punch. Nickel silver bolsters and crest shield. Typical high quality REM BONE handles with a small stress line, top pin front side. This is a R100B (and it's so marked on the rear of the master blade). This refers to the covered backspring with the words, "PATENT PENDING." Essentially a MINT knife with light speckling, to go along with 95% original luster. NEAR MINT with exceptions noted. *RARE COVERED BACKSPRING.*

Also, if you check **Knife World** July '97, it has a nice story by **Jim Wolff** on "Remington Premium Knives." The Dollar Knife was primarily a "premium" knife or one that was given away with a subscription to your favorite magazine or for buying a certain product.

According to the article, the knife came out in 1930 making the knife and box fairly old and hard to find, especially with the blade etch still visible. Jim Wolff states in his article: "During the week of Nov. 15, 1930, 2,889 newspapers ran an ad on the Remington Standard Dollar Knife reaching nearly ten million readers." There must have been thousands of these knives sold, so where did they all go?



Remington \$ Knife Box



Remington R100B (Taylor Photo)

Better Eat Your Shredded Wheat

When my daughter bought a Boy Scout picture for me, I figured it was another company trying to "use" the scouts to their advantage. Later, when I was looking through an old issue of **Boy's Life**, I found this legitimate ad from the **Shredded Wheat Company**. Eventually, they really did promote scouting (and their product) when they ran this large ad in Boy's Life magazine in July, 1913.

*—a morning's tramp through the woods
—then back to camp for*

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This is the food that makes sturdy young men. Fits them for all the sports that Summer brings—strengthens muscle and brain.

There's a lot of competition for athletic honors among boys in camp. Shredded Wheat supplies you with the nourishment Nature intended for you. This, with out-of-door exercise, keeps you *right*. Keeps you in condition for making good in sports.

How to make crisp. Then serve with milk or cream and sugar. Good with berries, too.
Never Camp Without Shredded Wheat

The Shredded Wheat Company
Niagara Falls, N. Y.



1913 Boy's Life Magazine Ad.

The picture I have is a large colorful painting about 9 x 13 inches and has in small print on the bottom: "**The Shredded Wheat Company, Niagara Falls, N. Y.**" In the upper right corner it is signed by **Lawrence Wilbor**. On the back of the frame someone has written, "**1928 Ad By Lawrence Wilbor.**" The picture is all sealed and nicely matted so I don't want to disturb it, but I'll bet it too came from an old magazine ad or calendar.

Official Scout Knife List

Yours for a #10 stamped envelope from

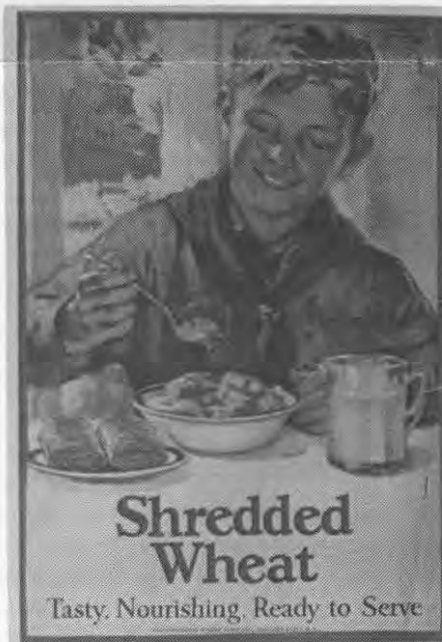
Joe Hughes
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Marlboro, MA 01752

or call (Between 3pm -9pm est.)
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This is really a nice list with pictures of each item.

Over 93 folding and Sheath Scout Knives for Sale.

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Common Stuff? Not to Me It Isn't!

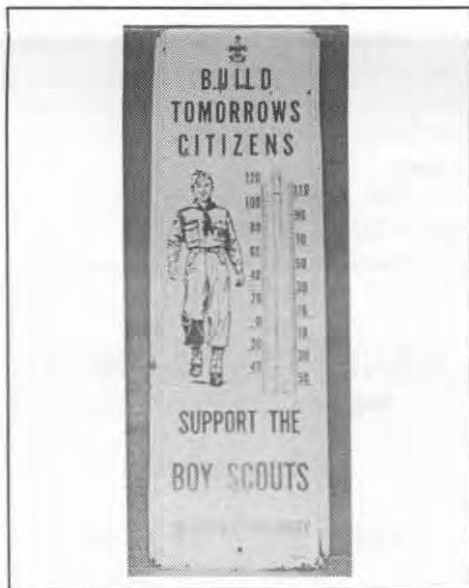
Last month I featured some folding knives that were used by service men during the war, I called them common and nothing extra special.

One of these knives was not common to **Frank Trzaska** who has collected MIL-K knives for several years. Frank said "I have collected every year they have produced them from 1957 to date, the only one I'm missing is 1959!!"

Frank needed it to fill his collection, so we made a deal. I was glad I could help him.

In this same article from last month, I messed up again. I called the round shield **Imperial USMC** as being "Medical Corps." I knew that USMC stood for the US Marines Corps, but I thought I read somewhere that this particular shield was "Medical Corps." Well, I couldn't find that anywhere, but did find several articles showing the round shield USMC and it was identified as US Marines Corps.

I have learned more about knives since I have been putting out this publication and that is just fine with me.



From John Vacca's Collection '50's

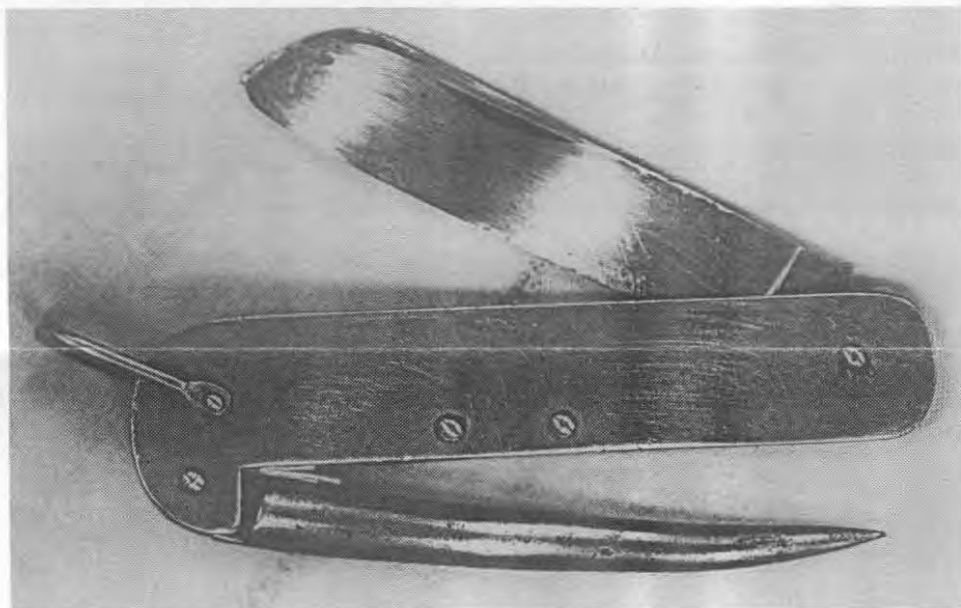
Let's Make A Deal.

On September 27-28, I set-up at a small local show about 100 miles from home. I had enough knives and related items to fill two tables and that is what I usually do. A couple of days before the show, the fellow in charge called and asked if I could use another table as they had a few left and would rent then for 1/2 price. I said o.k., but told him I didn't have enough knives to fill three tables, but would bring some other items to fill the table. I put out some scout items, fishing reels, comic books, binoculars and some "Curtis Candy" memorabilia.

I sold the fishing reels first thing Saturday morning and a few knives later, but the comic books were still there.

I bought these ten early Star Wars comic books from a fellow last fall at our local Colby Show and thought they would move pretty fast. Well, they didn't and I wanted to get rid of them.

As the crowd started to thin later in the day, I noticed a lady a couple of isles over had some comic books and some knives for sale also. I went over and asked if she was interested in trading one of her knives for the ten Star War comic books? She said yes, and to pick out a \$30 knife from her case. She had a couple of 1958 scout knives but they were badly used, so I settled on the **Schrade Cut. Co.** knife that you see pictured below.



SS7359GSIL SCHRADE CUT. CO. (A small piece of paper is holding the spike open for the picture.)

Thinking I probably got taken... but It was an early Schrade Cut. Co. knife and I only had \$20 in the comics.

When I got home that night I was looking in **Sargent's 2nd Ed.** under Schrade, when there it was, (**SS7359GSIL Nickel Silver Marlin Spike**) 4 1/2" \$200! Of course, that price is for mint condition which this knife is not, but is in pretty good shape. Best part about it, after I traded for it I put it in my case for the rest of the show and would have sold it to the first guy that came along with \$20 to \$25 and wanted it. Now, I guess I could let it go for \$100-\$125 after I get it cleaned up.

FRUIT KNIFE?



Here is a nice little all metal "Fruit Knife." It's not a fruit knife you say? Sure it is, it says so right on the side.

Engraved deep into the side of the pictured knife it says:

LITTLE FRUIT KNIFE PAT. APR. 26 81. And on the backside, PUTNAM CLOTHING HOUSE CHICAGO.

I found this one a couple of weeks ago at one of our small local shows. It is all metal and two and five-eighths inches long but has no tang marks. Would that date be 1881? I don't know what a "fruit knife" would have in common with a "clothing house," but maybe just to eat your lunch with. Kind of hard to see in the picture, but it has a peculiar "notch" in the upper right top corner of the knife. It seems to be made of brass and covered with nickel silver. Very interesting.

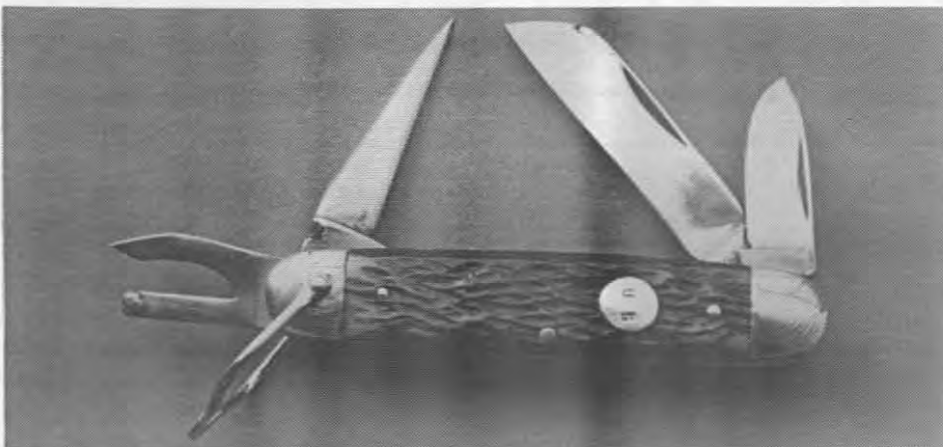
Military or Scout?



What was the significance of this small campaign hat?

About four inches across and two inches high, this steel hat still has the original "string" chin strap. The brass shield on front says: **The Wichita State Bank Courtesy-plus-Service Wichita, Kansas.** Probably war related-- maybe one of the Wichita boys can tell me.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Imperial Four-Blade Utility Knife.

(Taylor Photo)

While we are still talking about military knives and different shield knives, here is a good one. Maybe this is common stuff to you advanced collectors, but it is new to me. I don't recall seeing a round shield with just the "US" on it?

Imperial made this nice four-blade utility knife. It has bone handles and a second blade in place of the more common screw-driver/cap lifter blade. Notice the bail, it also is a little different with a small notch on the end.

Can't tell you much about this one, as the picture was sent to me by **Cindy Taylor** a while back. Looks like a nice one, would look even better in my collection.

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GREY IRON 15/1 Boy Scout Saluting

This dime store scout is three and one-fourth inches and was made from the 1930's-1950's. The figures, mostly military, were sold in the "dime" stores of that period, mostly Woolworth's.

This little scout was made by Grey Iron Company. The birthplace of "Guar-

anteed Toys," founded in 1840 in Mount Joy, PA.

Grey Iron was the first of the major dime store toy soldier makers in 1933. In late 1984, to everyone's surprise, it became known that it was also the last. The company still exists, although now under the name Donsco, Inc., acquired when it was combined with several other casting companies in 1974. The Grey Iron division, now called John Wright, is located in Wrightsville, PA.

This little guy has a red neckerchief, uniform is boy scout khaki and has black belt and shoes. His face, legs and hands are flesh colored and the base is green.

He is almost as old as me... a Senior Citizen.

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SCOUT GUM COMPANY, INC. Rochester, N. Y.



Jim Taylor sent me this set of 12 scout post cards to photograph and feature in this months' Lone Scout.

There are 12 different cards in the set and they are dated back to 1914. Each card is a colorful scene of boys swimming, hiking, camping and just having fun. The back of each card has a short description of the activity on the front side. The cards are also numbered from 1 to 12. On the front of each card it reads: "Copyrighted 1914 SCOUT GUM CO., INC. ROCHESTER, N.Y." Each color picture is signed by the artist

(H. G. Edwards 1914) and was probably made from the original painting. The cards are in excellent condition considering their age and I believe you could purchase these from Jim if you are interested. You can contact Jim or Cindy at (508) 226-5157, or write to them.

Jim and Cindy Taylor
Box 624
Mansfield, MA 02048

This nice set of old colorful cards would really look great in a frame.

Thanks to Jim and Cindy Taylor for sharing these cards with us.

2nd Annual Kansas Knife Show

Another good KKCA Show in Wichita on November 1-2. We had about 50-60 tables of knives and I think the show went well.

I have some show pictures that are not ready yet, so I will keep them until next month.

I did some buying, selling and trading at the show and had a great time.

Thanks to the people that are responsible for putting on the show.

May I have a Follow-up on that?

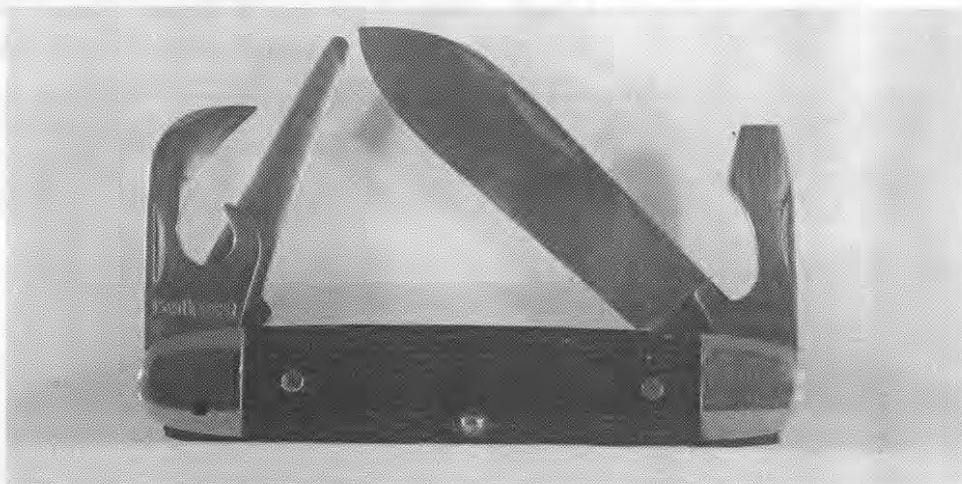
Exactly a year ago, (November '96) I featured a Prince Albert tobacco can knife deal. You could order three Old Timer/Ulster knives for \$2.00 each with the wrapper from inside the can. Again this year at the Kansas Knife Show, I purchased another P. A. can. This one is a little different in that the can is "full" of tobacco still wrapped in the paper inside that has the special knife deal printed on it. Also, this can has a small "tin tray" that slides along the bottom of the can. It has "strickers" on the sides, so I guess it was to store wood matches, or maybe a couple of taylor-made cigarettes? On the bottom of the tray it says: "Prince Albert The National Joy Smoke."



Another interesting item I found was this "Y-B" knife. (Check your Lone Scout August 1997 issue.)

Pictured is another "Y-B" knife. (Yocum Brothers) This knife is a two-inch key pattern and has "Y-B Cigars"

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



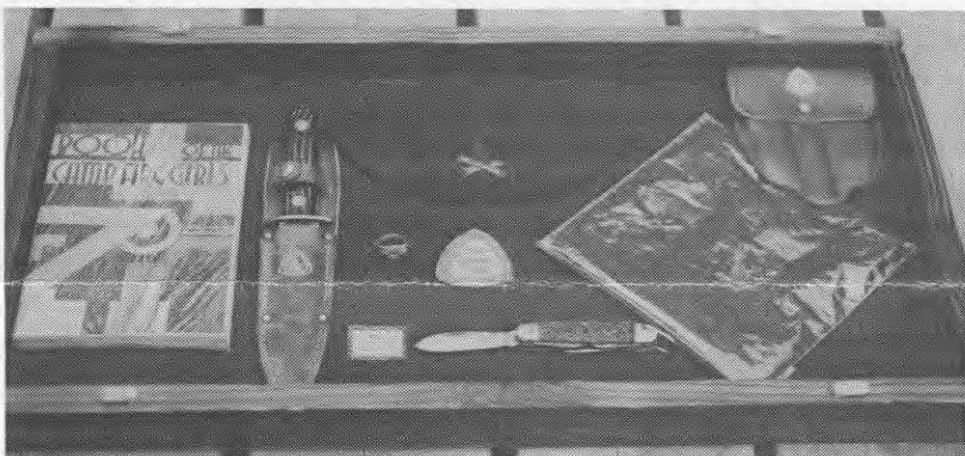
Kutmaster/Utica started making official **Campfire Girl** knives in the 1930s. Pictured above is one that I found at the Kansas Knife Show on November 1st.

The CFG knives are hard to find unless you open every single four-blade utility knife in the show. The only sign that this is an official CFG knife is by the etch on the main blade and if the knife is used at all, the etch is faint or completely gone.

This knife has black plastic handles and is three and three-eighths inches long, you can't see the blade etch, but it is there. The bail is missing. There is also another CFG knife almost like this one, only it is three and three-fourths inches long.

Below is a Campfire Girls display from the **Ed Holbrook** collection. As I mentioned before, Ed likes to group like items together as he has done with this CFG display.

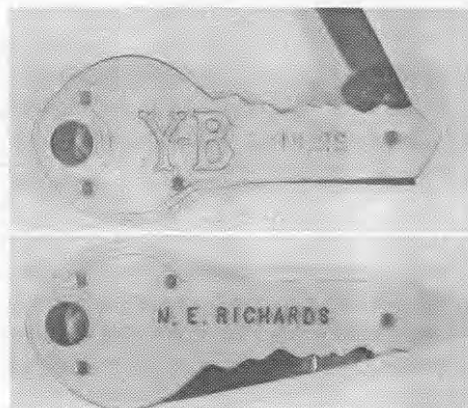
Pictured is a CFG handbook, sheath knife, cap, chow kit, ring, scarf and the four-blade knife like the one above. Ed has his knife dated 1940-1950.



on one side and "N. E. Richards" on the back side. As I mentioned in the last story, "That knife looked a lot like a Camco product." Well, this one is tang stamped "**Camco U.S.A.**" It too has white plastic handles trimmed with blue lines.

I'll bet this was another premium deal you received when you made a purchase of Y-B Cigars and to boot they engraved your name on the backside.

Pictured is the front and back of the Y-B Cigar Camco knife.





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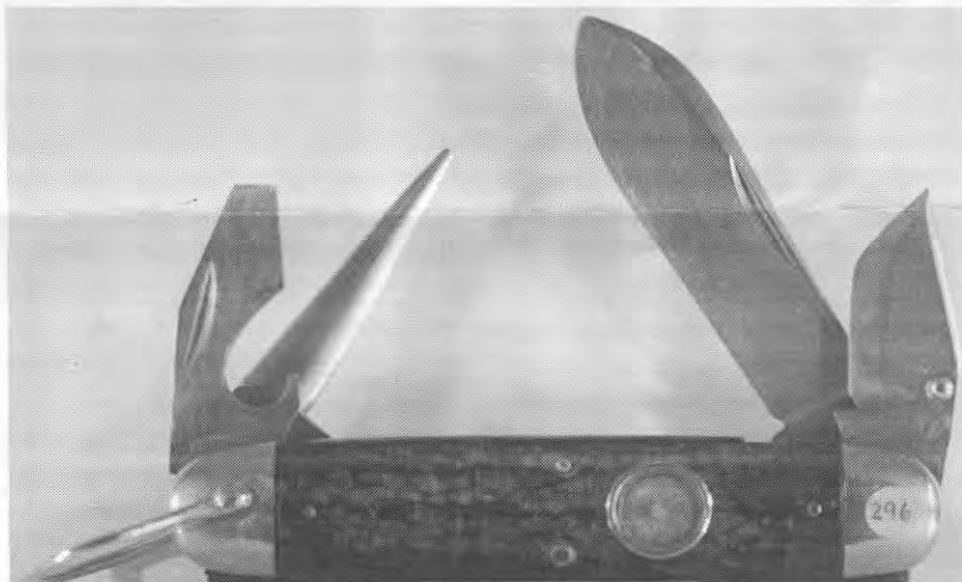
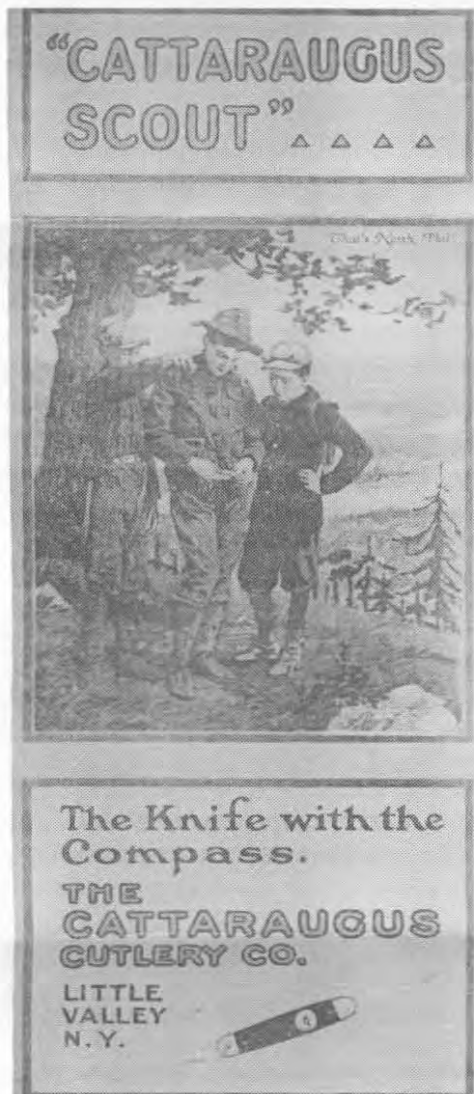
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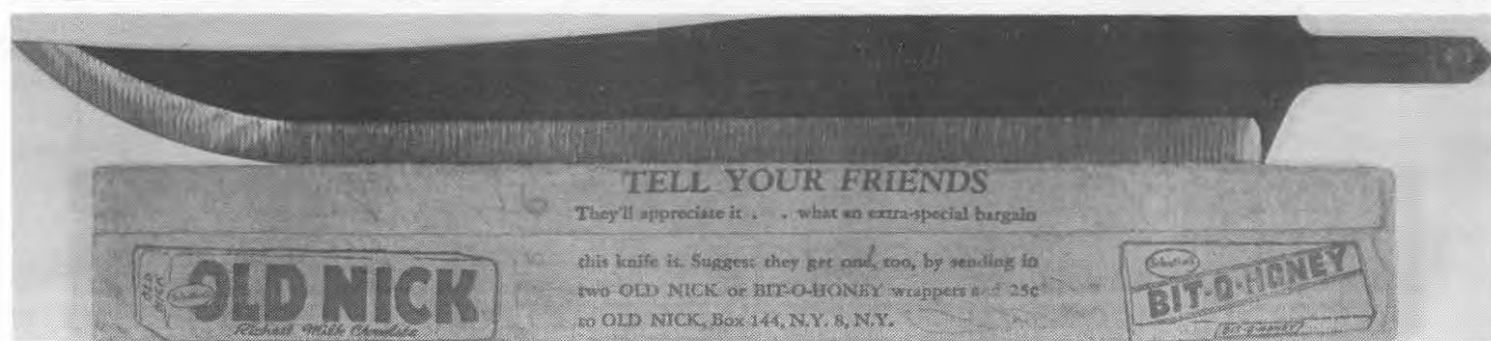
Cattaraugus Scout, "The Knife with the Compass"

I mentioned a while back that the very first scout pattern knife I wanted in my collection was the six-blade **R3843 Remington**. The second knife had to be the "Knife with the Compass" by **Cattaraugus Cutlery Company**, the "42219" Scout.

The knife pictured above is three and three-quarters inches long and is a nice heavy built four-blade scout pattern. It has the brass knob attached to the can opener and has a compass built-in the black bone handles. The screwdriver/cap lifter blade is marked "42219," and the spear blade has "U. S. PAT 115780" on the back of the tang.

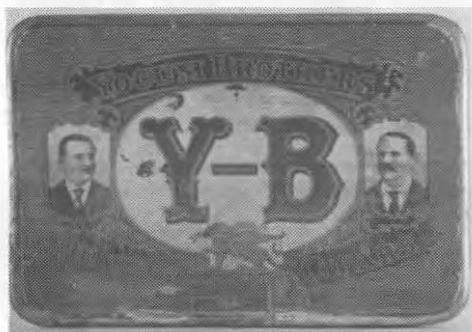
Ed Holbrook sent some old advertisement that went along with the compass knife and you can see by the clothes worn by the boys it had to be back in the 1920's when this knife came out.

Cattaraugus did make two official scout knives during 1933 and 1941. The four-blade Whit-L-Kraft # D2589 and the three-blade Whit-L-Kraft # C2589. Both of these official knives are up in the \$300 range now, while a nice "Compass" knife should bring a least that much or more.



A premium Kitchen Knife you could get with "Old Nick" or "Bit-O-Honey" candy bar wrappers and 25 cents.

Yocum Brothers Cigar Knives



One more time on the **Y-B Cigar Knives** and I promise never to mention them again.

The last few months I talked a lot about the Y-B knives and how they were premium knives given by the Yocum Brothers with the purchase of cigars. Well, guess what I found at a flea market the other day? Yup, a Y-B Cigar Tin.

Pictured above is the original cigar tin by Y-B (Yocum Brothers) It is about three and one-half by five inches and is very colorful. It pictures the Yocum brothers and is yellow, red and gold. Front of the tin says: Pocket Size Dollar Pack, and on the back: Mfg By YOCUM BROTHERS Reading, PA.

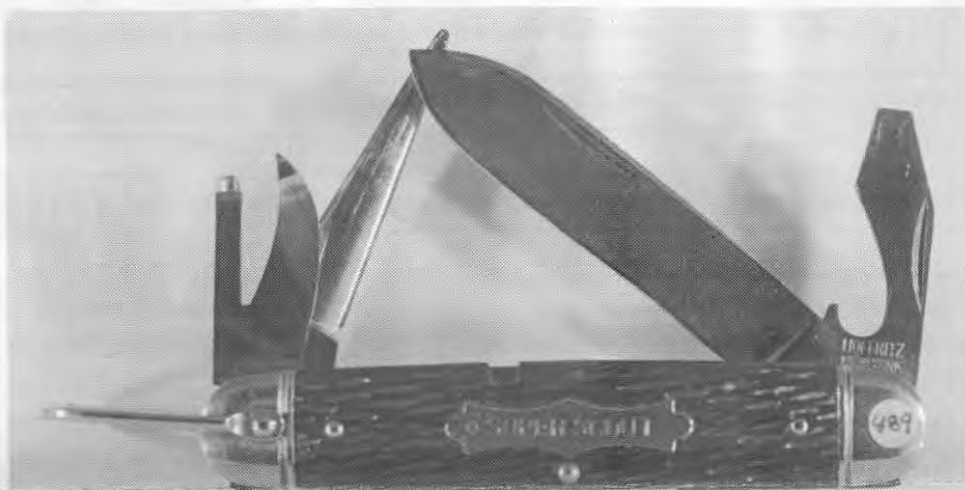


Another happy customer reaching for his wallet to purchase a knife from **Bob Cummings** of **Great Plains Knives**.

This all took place at the **Second Annual Kansas Knife Collectors Show** which was held on Nov. first and second.

If you didn't get to this show, you can plan now to come to next year's show about the same time of the year.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



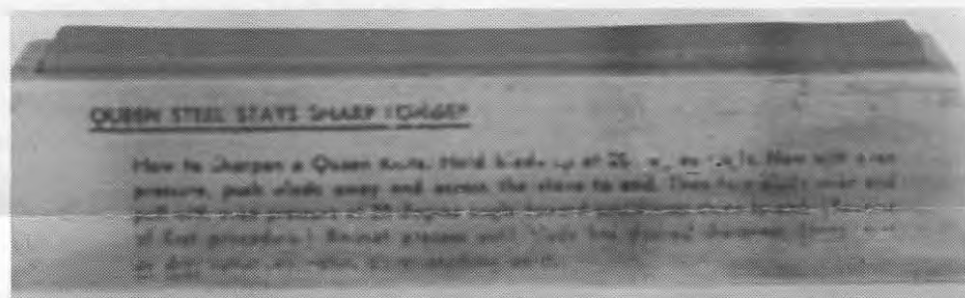
Putting On The Ritz--

With this knife you could own the **Ritz** and add to your utility/scout collection at the same time.

Distributed by **HOFFITZ** of New York and made in Germany and France, this company was started in 1930 and is still in operation today. The knife is three and five-eighths inches long and has the standard four-blade pattern. The shield says: "**SUPER SCOUT**" and the main blade is etched "**Ritz Brand Scout Knife**." Two blades are marked on back with "**Ritz Brand**" in a box and the knife has all steel liners. The center liner has some fancy work on the bottom side and the handles are brown bone.

I found this one at the Springfield Show in 1996.

Queen For A Day



If you collect "**Queen**" knives, here is just what you need in your collection.

I found this wood base sharpening stone that was evidently made by **Queen Cutlery Company**. It is eight and one-half by two and one-half inches in size and about two inches tall. It has a stone permanently mounted on top and is painted on the side in red letters. "**QUEEN STEEL STAYS SHARP LONGER**." It then goes on to tell you how to sharpen your Queen knife properly.

The stone shows some wear so someone must have used it to sharpen a Queen knife or some other brand.

I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you find that special knife you have been looking for in 1998.

Frank





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Boy Scout Handbooks

Probably the most collectible of all scouting memorabilia is the Boy Scout Handbook. Since the first attempt in 1910, there has been many editions and printings making it the second most printed book in this country after the Holy Bible. Close to 25 million have been distributed since its first writing.

In this article I want to talk about only one of the more discussed issues, the famous "third" edition and its reversed cover.

The third edition cover by artist J. C. Leyendecker, showed one scout signaling and one scout with binoculars. At least four errors appeared on this cover. (1) The scout is using Morse Code flags to send semaphore. (2) The scout is sending a non-existing letter. (3) The scout badge was missing the "knot." (4) The patrol colors are on the wrong arm.

These errors were corrected in later editions, in 1916 and 1921, after 14 printings to be exact.

I didn't have an earlier copy to compare with my two 1923 and 1925 editions which have been corrected, however, I did find this ad in an early Boy's Life (July, 1913) which I'm sure was a copy of the earlier cover painting. You can see what changes were made comparing it to the 1925 edition of mine.

Another thing puzzles me about this revised printing, notice the "fly" on the scout's pants, it opens the wrong way and so does his shirt? This leads me to think that when they revised the cover they just "fopped" the negative before making the cut to reverse everything. Very interesting. Also, note several other changes from the original. (You will need a larger copy to see this) They took the logo off, top of scout's socks changed, added a rope to his belt and added a canteen. Incidentally, what letter is the scout sending? The letter "L."

At the right is the 1913 ad and the 1925 Boy Scout Handbook.

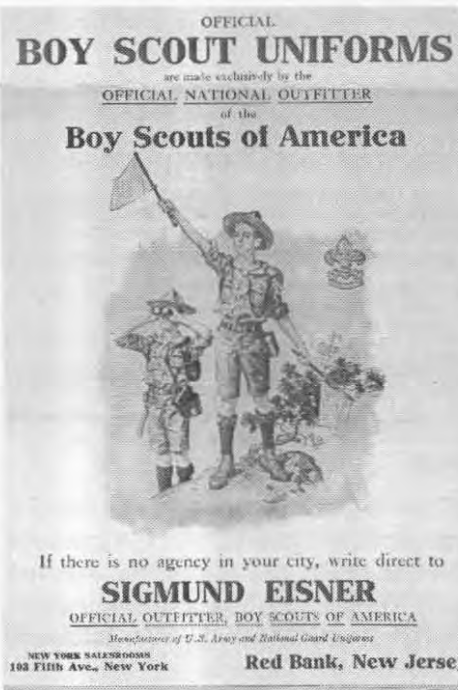
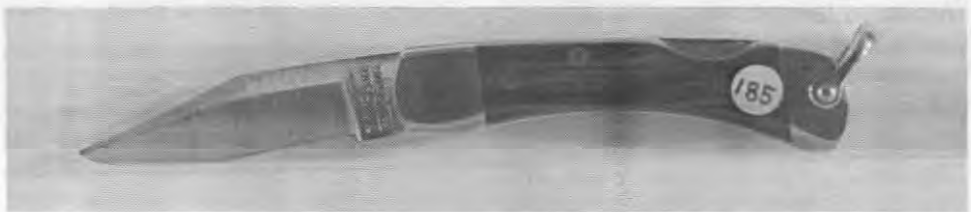
LITTLE SCOUT

Here is a little scout knife I'll bet most of you don't have in your scout collection. Not a scout knife you say, well take a look at the box label. "**LITTLE SCOUT # 6216 L. L. Bean Freemont, Maine.**"

When I started collecting scout knives, I bought everything that even mentioned the word "scout."

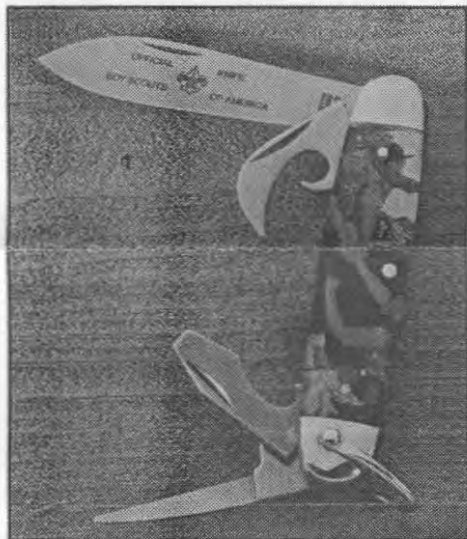
This little knife you will recognize as **Schrade's LB-1**. It has white birch handles with nickel silver bolsters and liners, the pivot pin is stainless steel. I carry one just like it everyday in my pocket, have for years. This little knife is marked on one side, Schrade x U.S.A. and on the other side, L. L. Bean Freeport, ME. This handy two and one-fourth inch one blade lock-back was made for the L. L. Bean Company and to them it is their "#6216 Little Scout."

L. L. Bean has been in business since 1912 and they have collectors knives that are listed from \$20 to \$300 in value.



The Second in a Series.

O.K., start getting ready to shell out another \$50 if you are a valid scout knife collector. The second knife in the Norman Rockwell series is out. Pictured below is the **1998 Rockwell Limited Edition Knife** right out of the Official Boy Scout Catalog.



Brad Estabrook, lone scout from Worcester, MA., sent me this catalog picture. It is a little hard to make out here, but it looks nice in the original catalog picture. It is a brown and yellow copy of the original 1946 Rockwell painting "**All Together.**" It features some scouts climbing with one scout helping another scout up over the top. The back side



#124 #125 #127 #126

If you collect soldiers like I do, or just want a nice group of miniature Boy Scouts, these are real nice. These scouts are reproductions of the originals, but are solid metal instead of lead shell. At the traditional dime store size of three inches, they are hand painted and cost about eight dollars each. They will look good on your desk.

The scouts can be ordered by mail from: **Michael Raimondi, 8039 Norwich Drive, Port Richey, FL 34668 (813) 868-3150.**

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



(Taylor Photo)

This big Western States, Boulder, Colorado knife is quite a handful. At four and three-fourths inches long, this four-blade utility knife with the famous Bull Head shield, now lists for around \$500 or more in mint condition.

The first marking of H. N. Platts Western Cutlery Company Knives was **Western States Cut. & Mfg. Co.**, this was around 1911 to 1915.

This second marking was **Western States** (Arched) with **Boulder, Colo.** below in a straight line. This mark began in 1931 on Western's sheath knives, but didn't start on their pocket knives until around 1951. The Western Boulder stamp was discontinued in the early part of the 1960's.

In his third edition, **Sargent** has this knife listed as: **#7400 Bull Head Pattern, Heavy Utility Knife. 4-blade with Bull Head Shield, 4 3/4" - \$500.**

features the Scout Oath. It is three and three-fourths inches long and is made by **Camillus**.

What Makes A Knife Valuable?

I read this in **Knife World** a while back and found it to be interesting, so I will pass it along in case you missed it.

Written by **Bernard Levine** in his "Whut Izzit" column and he deserves all the credit. He is talking about an old dinner knife that is rare, but will only bring about five dollars in the collector's market.

"So what is it that makes a knife valuable? Is it age? Obviously not. Is it quality? Obviously not. Is it materials? Obviously not. Is it the labor that went into it? Obviously not. Is it rarity? Obviously not; this knife is much rarer than, for example, a Remington bullet. No, what makes some knives valuable is one thing and one thing only. That is **demand**. Without demand, a fine old rare knife like this is essentially worthless."



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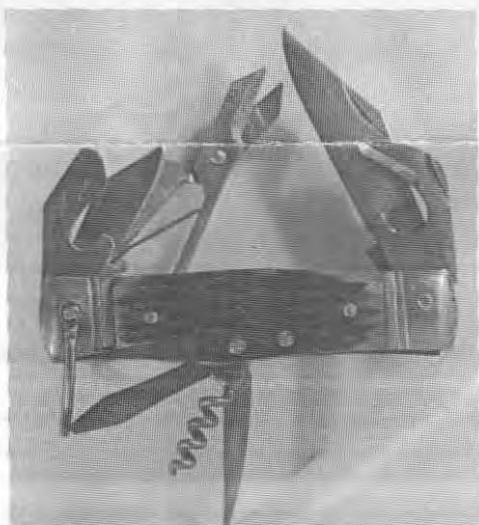
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FREE! 8-Blade Utility Knife

Thoresen's gave away this 8-blade pocket knife because they appreciated your patronage.



You have all seen these or had one of these cheap Japan made utility knives. I have sold several at the shows and there are plenty of them still around.

This one was a little different in that it is still in the original box and has a "Free" sticker on it, making it "another premium knife."

You can only see the top part of the sticker, it says: **"Free! Accept this small gift as a token of our appreciation for your patronage. THORESEN'S printed in U.S.A."**

I couldn't find anything on the net on the name THORESEN'S, except Joe Thoresen's home page and I can't remember where I heard that name? Was it a hardware or sporting goods store, or a department store perhaps? I know I heard that name somewhere.

The knife is shown about actual size.

PLASTIC OR PAPER?



Regardless of what you collect, you always like to find items in mint condition or "still in their original box." Most of the time when you do come across such an item, the asking price is too high or more than you want to pay.

Old knives are especially hard to find in their original box or package, because a knife is bought to use and keep in your pocket, so why would you want to keep the box? Well, some people keep everything and occasionally you can find a knife for sale in its original box or package.

The knife pictured above on the left is one that I found a couple years back at a flea market, it is unopened and still in its plastic bubble-pack. It is a cheap **Colonial Forest Master** four-blade utility knife that is dated 1971 on the cardboard container.

On the right, is a newer official 1986 BSA knife #1045 made by **Imperial**. It too is still in the original package and unopened. This one is red, but they also come with white, brown and black plastic handles with the official logo painted on.

I'm sure most of you have several of these, as the newer ones are not that hard to find. It would be fun to build a collection around these boxed knives.

I have several other older knives with original boxes and three or four boxes of **Ulster/ Kingston** knives with six still in their original thin tissue wrappers. At one time, I had about 20 full boxes of these unopened knives, but sold or traded all but one box of each for my own collection.

I also collect Character knives and usually at the big shows I see one of these in the box for sale. They really command a high price as most date back to the 1930-1950's.

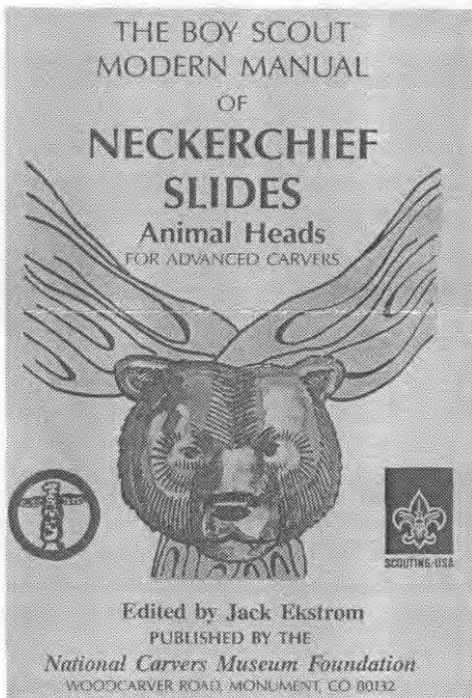


Hopalong Cassidy full card of 12. J.Bruce Voyles Auction Service. 11'97

Animal Head

Neckerchief Slides

A few months back we talked about Boy Scout Carving Kits and pictured a few sent in by **Ed Holbrook** and others. Here is something that is related and I doubt that many of you have ever seen this material.



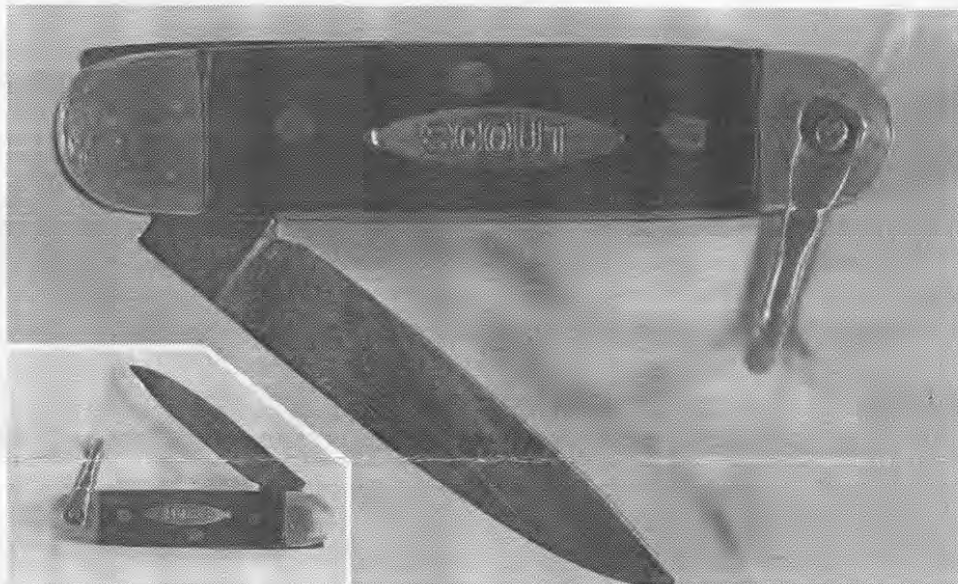
Fred Clark (Past-president of Rocky Mountain Blade Collectors Club) from the Denver Colorado area, sent me this booklet on carving wood animal slides for your boy scout neckerchief. It is a nice 24-page step-by-step guide showing you how to carve each of the animal head slides. They also recommend you use the special carving tool designed by Fred, which looks like it would work quite well.

There were three different booklets published by the National Carvers Museum Foundation of Monument, Colorado in 1987-89. (The Foundation is now out of business)

Fred worked for the company that made the carving tool and helped produce these booklets. He once lived and worked in New York where the company was located, but on a selling trip to the Denver area, decided this is where he wanted to live. In 1980, Fred purchased five and one-half acres of land in the Black Forest area east of Monument, Colorado and built a walnut and oak log home. He left New York and retired after 30 years service with AT&T Co. and now

KNIFE OF THE MONTH

MOTHER-IN-LAW KNIFE



Insert shows the little scout actual size .

Why not? They have mother-in-law beds, mother-in-law rooms and this and that, so why not knives?

Well, this is my "mother-in-law" knife. The reason is, she gave me this knife several years ago. It dates back to when she was a teen-ager in the Republican River area of Alma, Nebraska.

The story goes that she was with a friend on an outing near the river when he showed her this small "scout" knife of his. She managed to get this knife away from him and he never got it back, end of story. Anyway, one day we were talking about scout knives and my collection and she gave me this knife along with the story. It is one that is enjoyed in my scout collection and will then be passed along in the family.

Pictured is the small knife enlarged about three times its actual size of 1 7/16" inches. It is a dandy well built one-blade knife with a "scout" shield. It has plastic or celluloid handles that are mostly brown with light brown spots. The knife has to be at least 60 years old, as she "acquired" it around 1930. The tang stamp tells us something about its age and where the little knife came from. (**A. W. WADSWORTH & SON GERMANY**) This company was in business only from 1905-1922. WADSWORTH & SON was part of the **KASTOR BROS. COMPANY** of New York. Kastor had knives made in Germany and in New York from 1876-1947.

This little scout is made with brass liners and nickel silver bolsters. It too has the "scout" shield up-side-down. Here is one that hasn't been in too many hands in the last 60 years and probably won't ever be in many more.

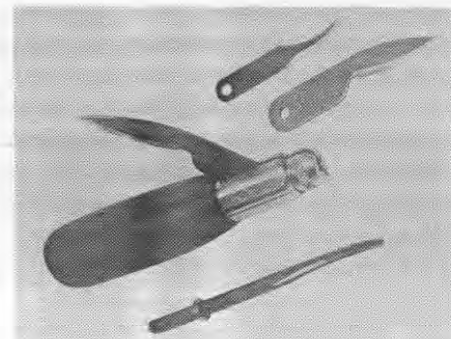
lives in Monument, Colorado.

Fred collects all kinds of knives and is an active club member. He has 11 grand children and two of them are already knife collectors.

Pictured on the right is the special carving tool that has interchangeable blades.

One Liner--

**Those who live by the sword
get shot by those who don't.**





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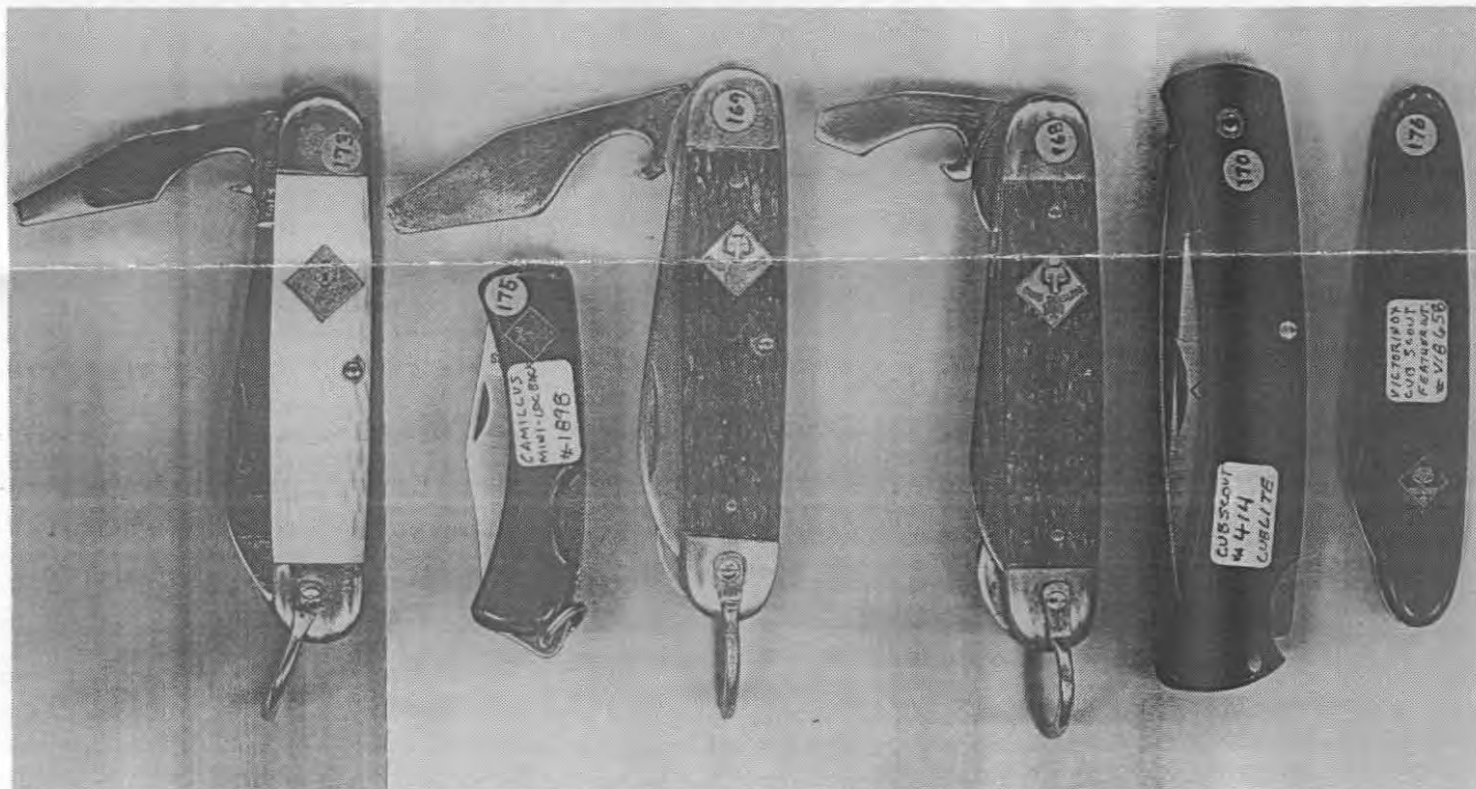


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CUB SCOUT KNIVES, OH HUM.



Official Cub Knives. From Left to Right:

- (1) Camillus, New York, USA. White handle, BSA #1885 (1980) Gold metal embossed shield, medium screwdriver.
- (2) Camillus Stainless. Blue handle, Mini-Lockback, BSA #1898 (1989) Gold shield painted on. Has toothpick and tweezers in the handle.
- (3) Imperial Prov. USA. Black handle, BSA #1885 (1952) Grey flat shield, long screwdriver.
- (4) Imperial USA Prov. R. I. A. Blue handle, BSA #1885 (1955) Gold flat shield, short screwdriver. Two different shades of blue on handles.
- (5) Buck 414 USA (Tenderfoot Badge). Blue handles, BSA #1884 (1986) Buck #414, one-blade lockback, no shield but has "cublite" raised in plastic handle.
- (6) Victorinox Switzerland Stainless Rostfrei. Blue Plastic handle, BSA #1383 (1990) Two silver shields, Cub and Swiss Cross, 2 blades, Victorinox #VI 8658.

Not very interesting are they, however, they do belong in the Boy Scout family and they are official, so better include them in your collection.

One reason they don't draw much interest, might be that they all look alike. Until a few years ago, we had the standard three and three-eighths inch, mostly blue handle, three-blade **Camillus** and **Imperial** and that was about it. I suppose mothers would rather not have their eight year old son running around packing a

six-inch sheath knife on his belt. This is probably why we have these three-blade pocket knives with tool blade locks on them. Since the 1980's, however, we have been seeing a little variety in the style of knives produced for cub scout use which should create more interest to collectors.

Two new companies have been authorized to produce an official knife, **Buck** and **Victorinox**.

You can add more variety and

more knives to your collection, if you look for the different length of the screwdriver/cap lifter blade and in the color of handle material used. Also, look for the "embossed" cub logo and the "flush" style logo used on earlier knives. By doing this, you could add 10-15 knives to your collection.

Thanks to **Ed Holbrook's** book, **Official Scout Blades**, that was used in the dating of these knives. If you don't have Ed's Book, you should have.

Knife of the Month



In keeping with the cub scout theme this month, let's look at this two and one-fourth inch "cub scout" knife.

A nice little three-blade knife with brass liners and a bail to boot, this shell handle knife is non-official. Made by **Imperial**, but it carries a "**Hammer Brand**" tang mark on the main blade.

It is shown here actual size and has white plastic handles with "cub scout" painted on one side in blue. Someone took a file or grinder to the blade and left some scratches, otherwise, it is in excellent condition. Just guessing, but it looks like the 1950's to me. The Hammer Brand has been around since 1938, so could be much older.

It works out well with my other cub knives and has secured a spot in my scout knife collection.

12 "Hoppy" Knives Bring Big Bucks!

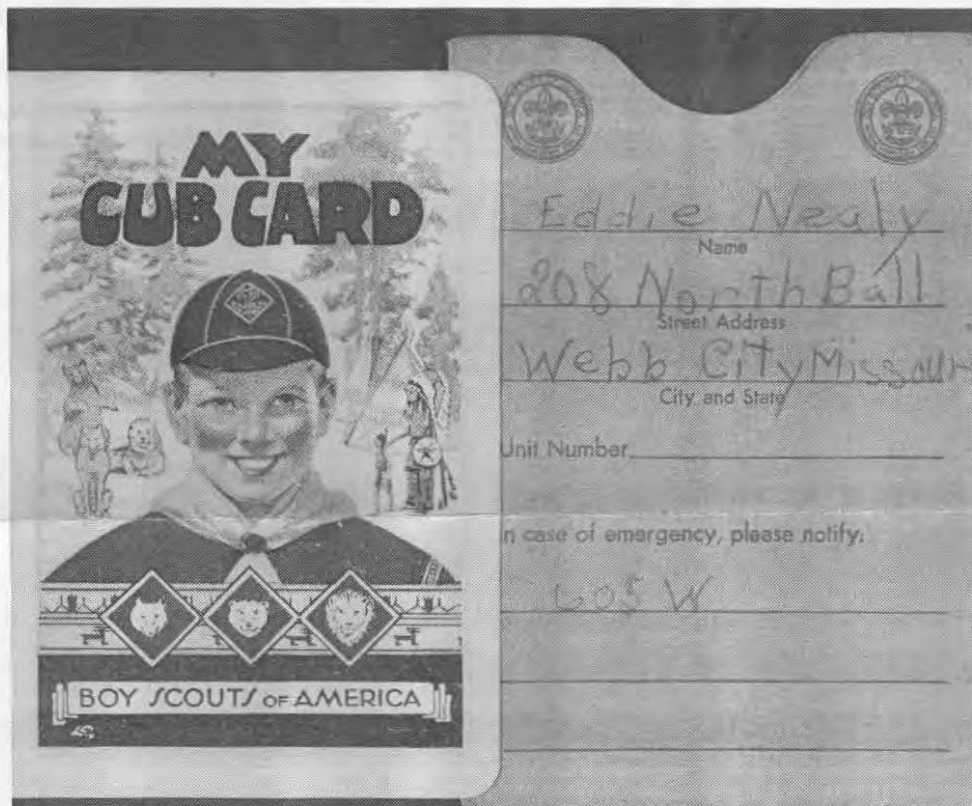
Last month I mentioned that a original card of 12 Hoppy knives would be auctioned by **Bruce Voyles Auction Service**. I also mentioned that they would probably go for a high dollar price. Well, I never thought they would go for that much! I would really have been out of place in that auction, as they went for **\$2,640.00!**

If you subscribe to **Knife World**, you probably already read this, but I thought it was worth repeating for the folks that don't receive the paper.

A couple more items you might be interested in also: A **Russell Whittler's Kit** went for \$1,430.00.

At the **Schofield Auction**, a **Case M445 Scout Knife**-\$750.00. The top money maker at this auction, a **Moran Damascus ST-23 Custom**-\$12,500.00.

Eddie Nealy, Where Are You?



As I was trying to put something together on cub scouts, I was looking at this old cub scout registration card that I have in my collection. I've had it for several years, but never noticed that "**Eddie Nealy**" is the same age as me!

Inside the card it says that Eddie was nine years old, 55 inches tall and weighed 75 pounds. The card is dated February 16th, 1945.

The card is in excellent condition because it didn't get used much, as there is no other information on the card. Eddie evidently didn't advance any further in cub scouts. It does give his address and hometown, however, as Eddie joined the pack in Webb City, Missouri.

I found this card along with some other items in a flea market in Joplin, Missouri. That makes sense, as Webb City and Joplin are two cities bordering each other just across the Kansas line in the south east corner.

I wonder what ever happened to Eddie? Is he still living? Did he ever become a Boy Scout? Probably wouldn't be too hard to find him with all the records and information Uncle Sam has on everyone today. But, that could be another time and another story.

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A couple of good looking cub scouts from pack 60 of the Owenwood United Methodist Church. They are pictured here actual size of three and one-fourth inches, flag included.



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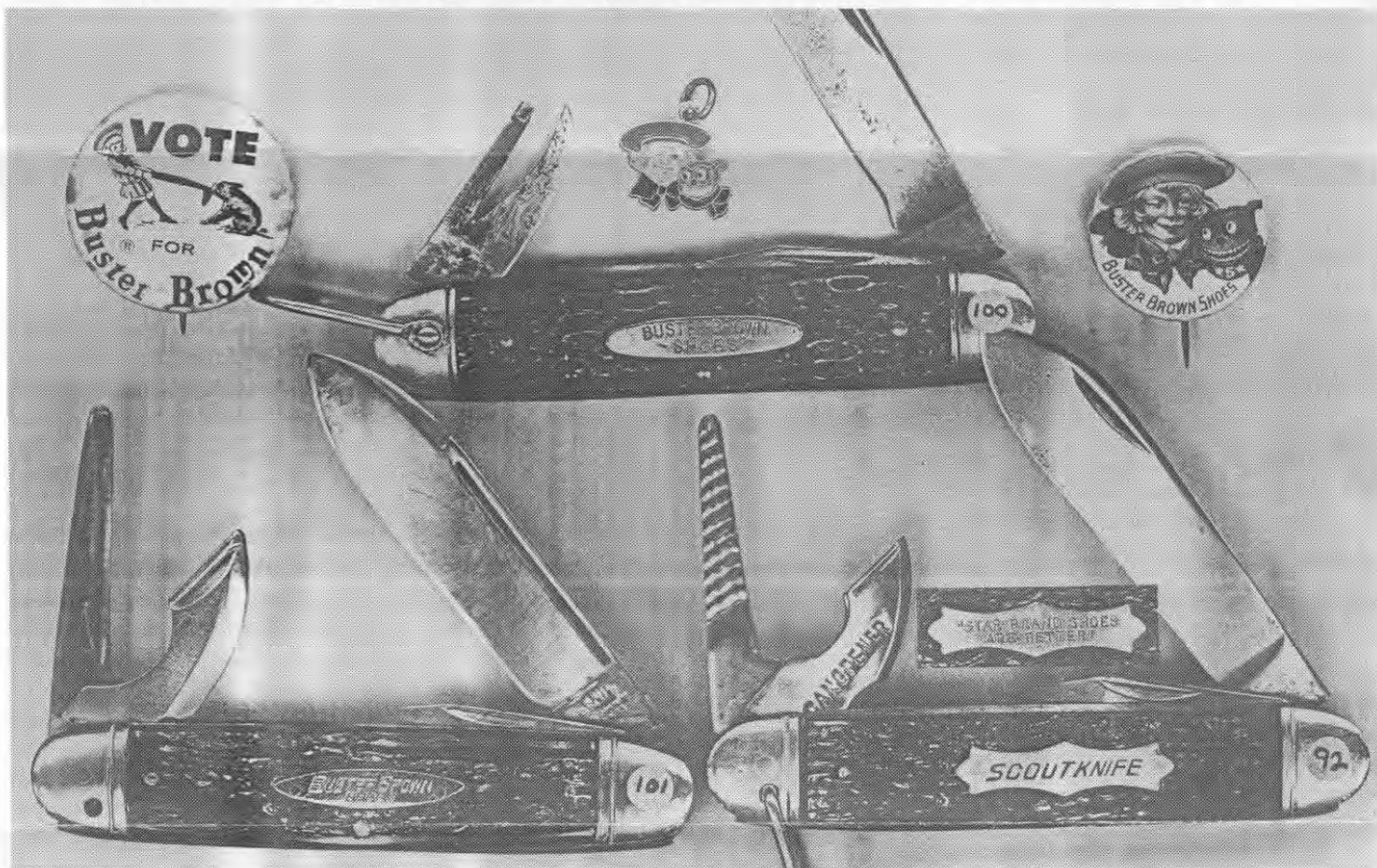


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Hi, I'm Buster Brown, I Live in the Shoe-- That's My Dog Tide, He Lives In There Too.



There are a lot of "shoe company" knives and they are fun to collect. It seems that many of these were made in the utility pattern and had the look of a boy scout knife.

Most shoe company knives were not made by the company name stamped on their tang, but were "contract" knives made by one of the big cutlery companies of that time.

The three knives pictured are a good example of contract knives and it is hard to tell what company produced each knife.

The top knife is stamped "**Brown Shoe Company St. Louis U.S.A.**" and has a "**Buster Brown Shoes**" shield.

This is a nice old knife with great brown bone handles and still has a little etch on the blade. The main blade is down some but has good snap. We have a little help in identifying the maker of this one as on the back of the tang it has the **Diamond Edge DE** trade mark used by **Shapleigh Hdw. Co.** However, **Diamond Edge**, **Keen Kutter**, **Shapleigh** etc., were made on contract by **Walden Knife**, **Camillus**, **Schrade** and others. So, we are right back where we started.

The second knife, on the lower left, is another **Buster Brown Shoe Company** knife. The tang mark is **Brown Shoe Company St. Louis**, with "Brown"

in a half circle. This knife was probably made by **Camillus** via **Shapleigh** in the 1930's. The overall condition of this knife is excellent.

The last knife, with the "scout knife" shield is another shoe company knife, it has all sorts of names and symbols. The tang mark says, **R. J. & R. Shoe Co. St. Louis U.S.A. (Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co. St. Louis)** The back side has the familiar crossed swords with "**star brand**" wording. The can opener blade is marked and so is the "spiral punch." The insert shows the shield that is on the back handle. "**Star Brand Shoes Are Better.**"

(Continued on backside)

(Buster Brown, Continued From Front Side)

The cross words symbol was used by **A. Kastor & Bros./Camillus** and again, the early style can opener should help us place and date this shoe company knife.

I can't tell when this knife was made for sure, but from what I read, I would say about 1942.

Another knife I have and I know you have all seen, is the Buster Brown sheath knife made by **Marbles Company**. There is one pictured on the front of **Levine's book, 3rd Edition**. It too is stamped **Brown Shoe Co. St. Louis U.S.A.** It is the "Woodcraft" pattern with four and one-half inch blade that was also made as an Official Boy Scout knife in the 1930's.

I wonder if these were all premium or give-away knives with the purchase of a pair of Buster Brown or Star Brand shoes?



How many of you subscribed to the **Scouter's Journal** a few years ago like I did? If you did, you were probably disappointed like I was. Well, they are back with a new publication, new name and renewed interest. Publisher and editor **Terry Howerton II**, gives us his scout honor that he is back and ready to deliver to us one of the largest independent publications in the history of the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouter Magazine, the new name for the publication, is located in Kansas City, MO., at 4144 Pennsylvania, 64111. (1-800-SCOUTER) (www.scouter.com) (journal@scouter.com)

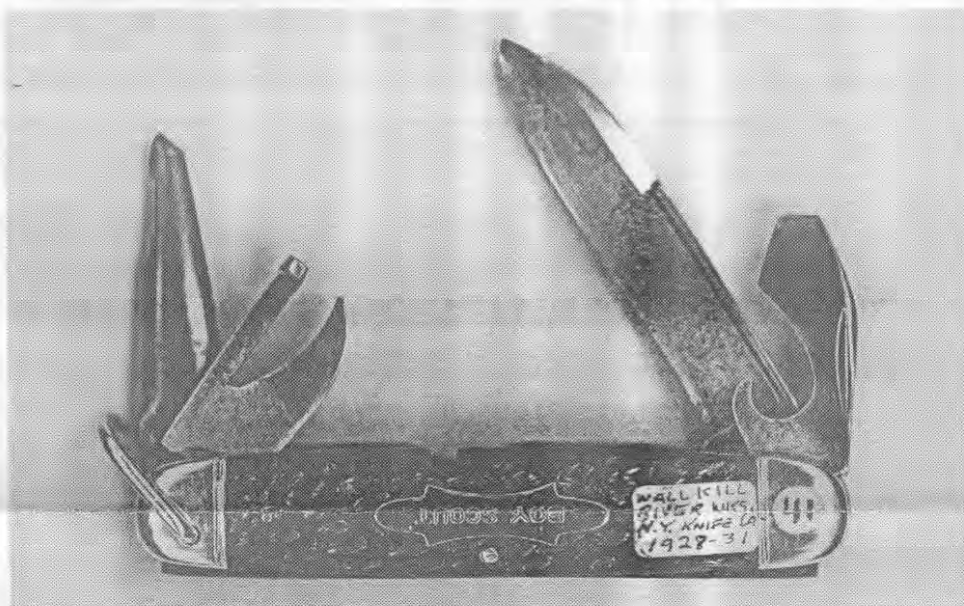


10-4, Be Prepared Good Buddy

How about a Boy Scout 18-Wheeler? They do have them as you can see from the picture on the right.

From the John Vacca collection, Coal City, IL.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



WALLKILL RIVER (Curved) WORKS WALDEN, N. Y. 1928-1931.

Here is another example of a short-lived knife brand, the "Wallkill River Works." This name was only used for a very short time of two or three years.

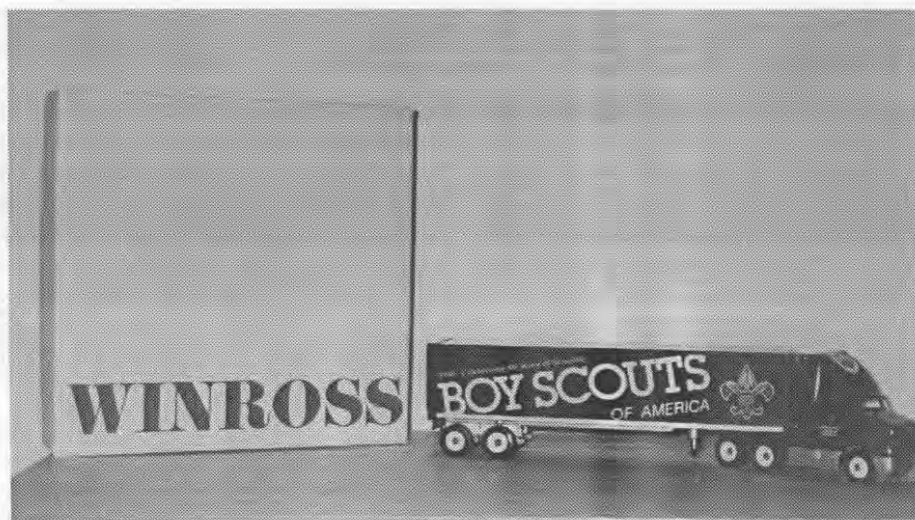
Wallkill was owned by **The New York Knife Co.** (1856-1931) The New York Knife Company of Walden, New York, was originally founded in Matteawan, N. Y. by some English cutlers. These men had been working for the Waterville Co. in Waterburg, Conn. In 1852, they left and started manufacturing cutlery on their own, calling their new firm The New York Knife Company.

In 1878, the picture trademark of a hand and arm with the sleeve rolled up and a hammer in a raised position was adopted. The words "Hammer Brand" was added to the trademark in about 1882.

The firm also made knives marked with the "Wallkill River Works," a cheaper line than the Hammer line of goods. The Wallkill stamp was only used for a short time before The New York Knife Co. went out of business in 1931.

In 1936, **Imperial** acquired the rights to the "Hammer Brand" trade mark and have been using it ever since.

This knife is three and five-eighths inches long with brown bone handles and an up-side-down "Boy Scout" shield. The punch blade is marked, PAT. 1,012,838 and if my figures are correct was patented around 1911-1912.





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Three, Four and Five Blade Knives, All In One Set!



A while back, I featured knives that were collected in their original box or plastic package. Well, here is a real dandy set of four, still in the original blister pack.

Bob Torok from Pennsylvania, sent this photo of four Official Scout Knives in one 11 x 13 inch blister pack. Bob purchased it from **Lone Scout Nelson Engle**, who found them at a Pittsburgh Trade-O-Ree. Nelson said, "There were three sets for sale at the show."

The knives are in mint condition, of course, except the #1047 whittler is starting to oxidize in its own plastic pack. Bob is wondering if he should make a small hole in the back of the whittler and try to vacuum out the scale, or let it be? Good question, ...no answer.

There is no date or any indication shown on the card as to the year when this set was made, but Bob seems to think some where in the 1960 era.

I can't make out the manufacturer of the knives, except the last one, which is a **Ulster #1046**. I make it around 1976 -1979, so I don't know about the 1960's. However, looking at the prices on these knives, the 1960's might be right, because I don't think you could buy a scout knife for \$2.75 in the 1970's.

If you notice down toward the bottom of the card, it says: **Boy Scouts of America-National Supply Service Division**. Must have been put out by the scouts themselves, as there seems to be several knife companies represented and probably not made by one of them.

Anyway, its a great set, and would look good in any Official Scout Knife collection.

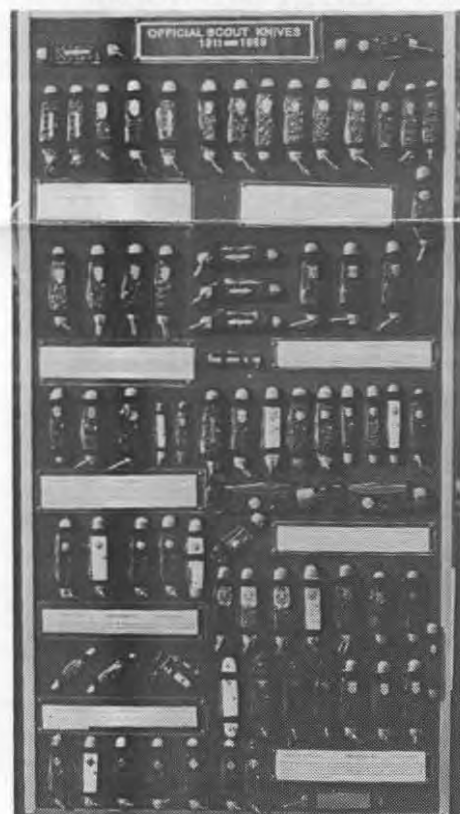
My Boomerang Didn't Come Back...



John Vacca has it in his collection.

Bob Also Collects Scout Knives.

Bob Torok also collects Official Scout Knives and sent me this photo to give us a look. He also has a nice selection of 16 Official Scout Sheath Knives all put up on a nice board display.



1962 Official Scout Calendar



Norman Rockwell Painting, "Pointing The Way." Size, 7 3/4"x14 1/2"
F. Vacca Collection.

Scout Memorabilia **TRADE-O-REE**

St. Magdalen Church
105 Mine St.

Flemington, NJ

June 20, 1998

90-Tables

Contact: Bob Torok

908-782-3673

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TRADE-O-REE

4-Days

June 30-Aug. 2

Ames, Iowa

Comm. Center

182 Tables

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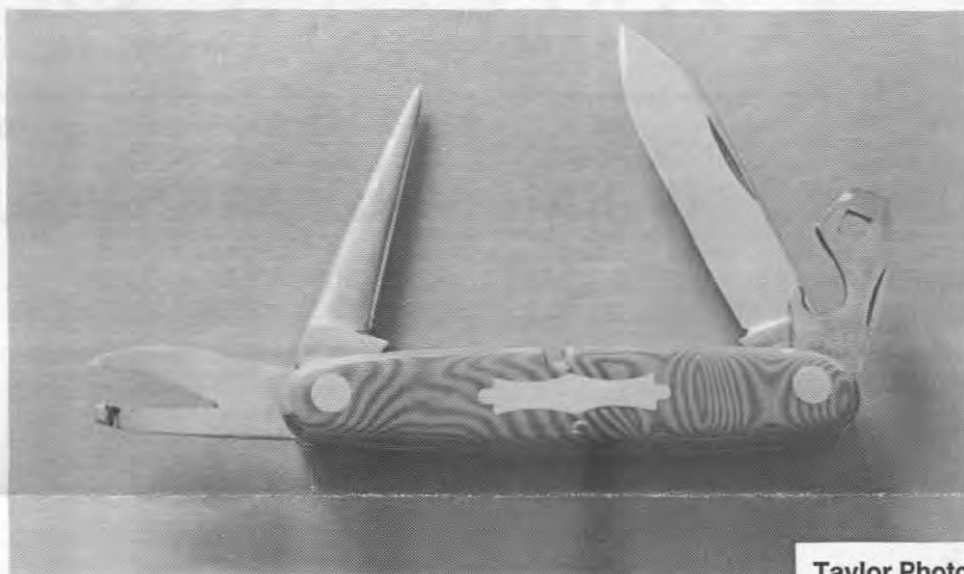
NKCA KNIFE SHOW

Springfield, MO

July 10-12

1-800-548-3907

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



Taylor Photo

I bet you can't guess who made this four-blade utility knife? How about **Utica**. This one dates back to before 1937 when Utica Cutlery was using the "curved" or half-circle for their tang mark.

Utica is a new cutlery company under most standards. Unlike other big companies that have been around since the 1850's, Utica wasn't started until 1910. It started out primarily as a metal working factory and was named **Utica Knife and Razor Company**. I have a red, white and blue handle scout knife with the tang mark "U. K. & R. Co.," which would be this early tang mark of 1910-1929. In 1929, the company name became **Utica Cutlery Company** and in 1937, added the trade name of **KUTMASTER**, a name that is still used today. The company remains in business today as a prominent manufacturer of knives.

The knife above looks to be in excellent condition and sports colorful plastic or celluloid handles with no bolsters. Notice the "birdseye" rivets and the "Prest-O-Lite" tank key blade for fuel tanks of a popular brand of automobile headlight. The curved tang stamp, tank key blade and one-piece can opener, are all indications of a middle 20's or early 1930's utility knife.

BONUS GIFT FOR JOINING TODAY!

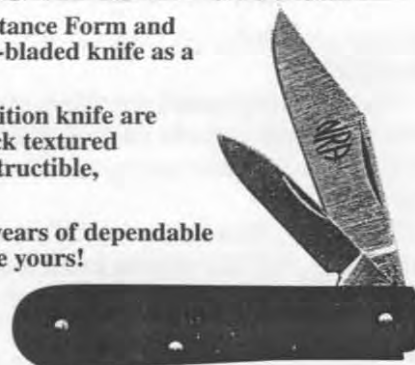
Send in your NRA Membership Acceptance Form and receive your own NRA Schrade double-bladed knife as a free bonus gift.

The blades of this handsome limited edition knife are made of high-carbon steel, and the black textured handle is composed of a virtually indestructible, space-age composite.

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National Rifle Association
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030



Seems like everyone is giving away premium knives these days. Check out this **Schrade** two-blade knife you can get just by joining the **NRA** for a year.

This is a current ad that I just received a couple of weeks ago. Should be quiet collectable as I don't think you can acquire one without joining the NRA. I do have another NRA Schrade premium knife that was given out a couple of years ago. A Schrade "Old Timer" 34OT. It has the NRA blade etch also.



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Steve Scout, Says "Good Bye."



Steve Scout is now 24 years old and was made by **Kenner** of the **General Mills Company**. Yes, he is official and approved by the Boy Scouts of America.

He comes with official uniform and is over nine

That's All Folks. This will be my last Lone Scout Newsletter. After four years, I need to move on to other things. I really enjoyed corresponding with you and along the way, I made a lot of new friends. Some of you I got to meet in person, while others I only talked to on the phone or internet.

I want to thank **all** of you for contributing to the Lone Scout and especially: **Ed Holbrook, Dennis Ellingsen, Jim and Cindy Taylor, John Vacca, Willis Hoy, and Brad Estabrook** who sent me many articles, pictures and information I could use when my "well" ran dry.

Please keep in touch, you all have my address and phone number and I would very much like to hear from you. Let me know when you have knives or memorabilia for sale, and send me a flyer on your upcoming show, who knows, maybe I'll show up.

If someone else would like to continue the Lone Scout, I would be the first to help or contribute in any way I can. I won't be able to do any copying or printing any more, as I am retiring and will lose the use of the equipment at work.

I plan to make a few copies of the entire four volumes, add an index and cover and G.B.C. bind them into a booklet. If you would like one, I could send them out postage paid for \$12.50 each, which should about cover the cost of the copies and postage.

In the future, I plan to make as many gun and knife shows as I can. I hope to attend the NKCA Show in Springfield again this July, maybe I will see you there.

I still collect scout and utility knives and about anything else that catches my eye, including some scout memorabilia and toy soldiers.

In my "old" age, I would like to run an antique/flea market/ knives/soldiers, or what have you type of shop, but need to find a nice building with low, low, rent.

Once again, it's been fun.

Frank (Lone Scout) Vacca



inches tall. He has movable arms and legs and he gives the scout salute automatically when you raise his left arm. He arrives in his own colorful box along with a "Scouting For You" booklet shown above. There is also an official "**Bill**" and "**Bob**" Scout.

Hi Boys!

I couldn't use Steve Scout on the backside without giving the girls equal time, now could I.



Official G. S. 8" Doll #11-955

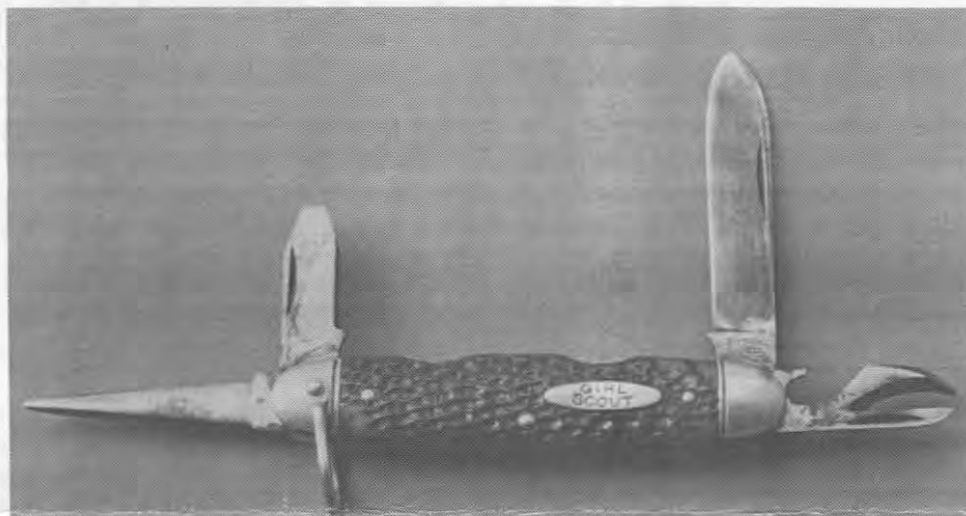
I found this little gal at our last local Colby Show on March 14-15. She looks much younger than Steve, but is a lot older. As usual, we don't know her actual age, but the lady I bought her from said she had her since she was eight or nine years old herself. So, this gal would be in her forties, at least.

I guess the fact that she is mint and still in her original official box, explains why she still looks so young!

She is decked out in official girl scout uniform with the G. S. logo on her cap. She is eight inches tall and came in her "Girl Scout Green" box. Box says: **Official 8" Girl Scout Doll with G. S. logo.** The box end reads the same but also has the number **11-955** and **\$2.98**. All the writing is in silver. She is plastic and her eyes, at one time, would open and close.

I can't seem to find much information on her in my limited sources.

KNIFE OF THE MONTH



SCHRADE CUT. CO., G. S. KNIFE # 9593

Taylor Photo

The **Schrade Cutlery Company** was incorporated in 1904 with brothers George, William and Louis taking part in the management

In 1910, George left the company and Louis bought his interest. A new branch was started in 1918, but closed in 1932 because of the depression. The company continued under this management until 1946 when they sold the company to **Imperial Knife Associated Companies**, owners of Imperial and Ulster Knife Companies. The name was then changed to **Schrade-Walden Cutlery Corporation**.

The "Girl Scout" knife above is rare and probably not in many collections. I believe it is a number **9593**, **three and three-eighths inch Junior or Girl Scout knife**, with bone stag handles. In mint condition, should sell for \$200 or more. The knife still has the "Girl Scout Knife" etched on the blade.

This knife is a fine example of the **SCHRADE CUT CO.** of the 1930 to 1948 period of time with the straight line tang mark. This tang mark, **SCHRADE CUT CO. (straight line) WALDEN, N. Y.**, was adopted after WWI and used by Schrade through 1948. In 1948, after the company sold, the tang mark went to **Schrade-Walden N. Y. USA**, and was used until 1973. Knives made after 1973 will be marked: **SCHRADE N. Y. USA**, with the number of the knife included

By the way, the Schrade knives to look for are the early "half-moon circle" **SCHRADE** marks. These were made from 1904-1928 and one in mint condition is a great find for your collection.

Remember...

If you see this "pair" at a Gun or Knife Show, stop and say "hello," it will be "US."

