



November 2008

ADVENTURE IN YOUR HAND



AKCA Reconciliation

This last month marked a change in stance by the AKCA and its leadership in regards to the past due amount owed me for my past contracted services. AKCA President Dave Ammons called me to discuss what could be

done to fix the rift between the AKCA and the CSCA.

Dave Ammons and I discussed what it would take for the rift to start healing, that the AKCA leadership and patrons stop harassing and belittling CSCA members for their membership and activity in the CSCA, and that the AKCA repay its debt to me for past services. There are many members of the CSCA that were upset by the refusal of the AKCA to make good on its debt.

At the October AKCA meeting Dave Ammons presented a proposal to the AKCA membership at large to compensate me in cash and tables which was approved by popular vote.

Dave Ammons has also guaranteed me that he does not tolerate AKCA members acting untoward CSCA members. He also has said that he is actively trying to promote the knife hobby in general as it can only benefit all of us. This has been my attitude all along and I am glad that the AKCA leadership has this same desire.

I'd like to see as many of you as are members pass the CSCA club table at the upcoming AKCA Knife Show at the Shriner's Hall. Anyone that would like to come and help man the club table will be appreciated. ♪

Steve Jones
President

Membership Anniversary

December marks the end of our first membership year. Those of you, and your friends, that haven't joined yet are encouraged to do so prior to the December 31 deadline to be considered as Founding Members.

For the rest of the membership, I would like to ask that you promptly pay your dues so that the club will have working funds for Christmas parties, insurance, meeting room monies, and etc.

Steve Jones
President

Christmas Party

We are going to have another Christmas party this year on the date of the regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, Dec 17.

To help fund this party we are going to utilize one of the original show raffle knives donated by Lee Beene. This knife is the 60th Anniversary A.G.A. Campolin Stag Navaja Switchblade. Tickets will be sold until the end of the Christmas party when the winner will be drawn, need not be present to win.

Let's all buy some tickets to help enjoy another good Christmas party.

Bring a \$20 or less knife gift for trading.

Steve Jones
President



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State of the Industry

Well, the stupid election is FINALLY over with. The great majority of knife people are now finding themselves on the losing end of the vote count. We all, I'm sure, have been hearing the litany of doom and gloom for gun (and knife) fanciers.

John and I set up at the Murphy show this last weekend in Yuma. This was the first gun show in the area after the votes were tallied. For a small 'cowboy-ish' show on the edge of California, business was pretty brisk. The crowd wasn't outstanding large but there was much trading going on. I was able to unload quite a few high end knives and was also shown a lot of merchandise to buy. Nearly all of those guys who were selling were going to turn their new found wealth into guns.

The thing to keep in mind in these tumultuous times is to not let the mindset of the masses override personal logic. Most of us don't rely on knives as their sole income, and for those that don't, remember that people are still will-

ing to buy. That doesn't mean, though, that the seller has to stoop to Wal-mart prices to made trades/sales.

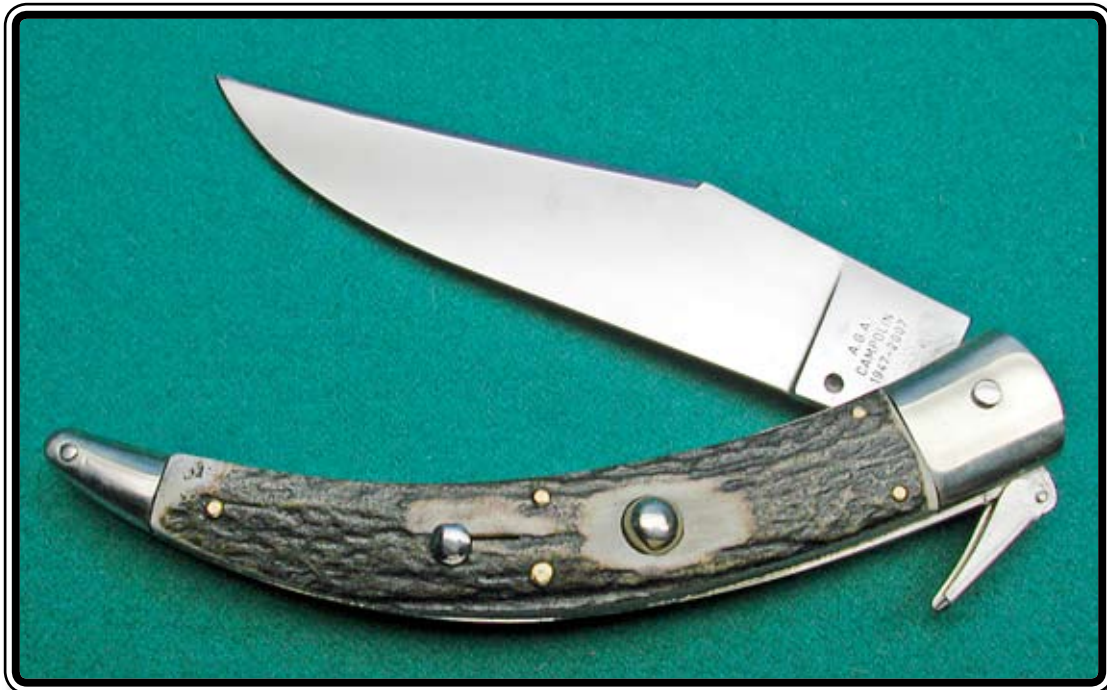
It'll be interesting to see what the upcoming AKCA and Dec. Class III Crossroads shows will bring in for attendance and sales.

With the price of petrol plummeting, Yay, John and I are considering more out of town shows again. I'm betting that Eugene, Tulsa, and maybe Denver will be back on the radar with gas below \$2/gal in many markets and approaching it in most of the rest.

Hopefully we can all capitalize off of the bad times and doom-and-gloom mentality in the coming months. I certainly hope that this trend doesn't snowball into a full 4 years worth, but we will have to wait and see.

See you at the Christmas Party.

Steve Jones
President



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Born and raised in Oklahoma, my family and I moved to Scottsdale, AZ, in 1975.

My twin brother, Carl introduced me to knife making in 1985. I read every publication available and after attending my first AKCA meeting, I was hooked. Their interest and support encouraged me to develop my craft. After selling three knives to professional hunting guides in Alaska, my confidence set my goal to become a full time knife maker.

In 2000, I sold my business and entered the professional knife maker world. Attending many shows around the country helps me hone my craft. My work has been featured in Tactical Knives, Knives Illustrated, Knives 2009 and other genre magazines.

Joining the Copper State Cutlery Association provides more contact with the Rusty Knife Collectors and more custom collectors.

My knives consist of ATS-34, S30V, 154CM or Damascus steel while the handles are custom designs using natural materials.

I offer a variety of knives that included folders, miniatures, kitchen cutlery and primitive type.

I hope you enjoy the style and fit as much as I enjoy the process.



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As you know from Steve's article the the conflict with the AKCA is over and a new age of cooperation is upon us. The CSCA will have a table at the upcoming AKCA Knife Show on the 22nd and 23rd of November. If you

have some time on the 22 or 23rd, please go to the AKCA show and while at the show please help man the CSCA booth.

We are continuing to holding large and small auctions and having presentations. If you have any ideas for topics or presentations or you would like to show us some of your expertise Contact one of the officers and we'll schedule you. Also if you have any ideas for events such as a club picnic and mini-show, please let us know.

Please visit the club web site for back issues of the newsletter, more Association information, knife ads and members information.

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As you all know many of the members attend and have tables at the various gun shows around the valley and the state. A thought I have is, what would the members think about a road trip to one of the gun shows in a smaller community like Wickenburg. Prescott, Payson or some other venue? This would be a caravan of knife makers, resellers and other members to one of the other communities, just for a day. This could help the club by giving it wider exposure and help us promote a future Phoenix Club Show. ✂

Gary Fields

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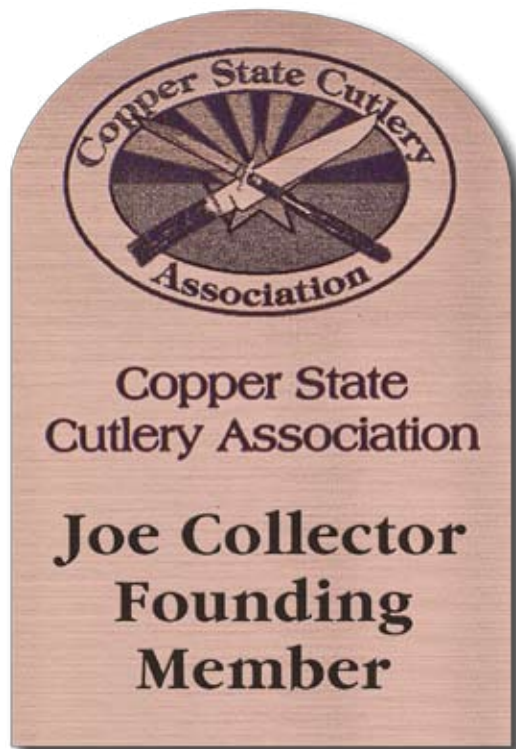
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You can buy your own badge at the next meeting.

Members who join during 2007 or 2008 will be entered as founding members.

The cost is only \$10





Fellow **CSCA** members,

Questions, comments, suggestions and concerns are welcomed. Please e-mail us at secretary@coppercutlery.com or president@coppercutlery.com or mail your comments to:

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Copper State Cutlery Association

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