

## *AUGUST 2009 5160 CLUB NEWS*

Meeting Thursday August 6, 2009

Same time, same place but in case you forgot or are new, we meet at the Woodcraft Store on Coburg Road in Eugene Oregon. 6pm

The booth at the Bohemia Mining Days was a huge success. Wayne, Dave, Lynn, Jeff, Joel and Keith were present on Friday and I enjoyed myself, doing some demonstrations and talking to folks that stopped by the booth.. Jeff, who was in charge of the event said that there were four or five members present on Saturday and Sunday. From the interest shown there may be two or more new members at our meeting on Thursday. A big thanks to all who volunteered their time.

Members are encouraged to bring their work for show and tell. It would be good for each member to bring at least one tip, trick or technique to demonstrate or tell us about.

Wayne will be have show and tell about sand casting as we look forward to the sand casting class at Lynn Moore's tentatively scheduled for late September or early October. Also, test results of the new Crucible steel Cru Forge V.

Jeff will explain how the world champion cutters do their horse stall matt handles.

My trip to Texas

By Jeff Crowner



As some of you know I took a two week vacation down to Texas. Texas has many knife makers. I visited Gayle Bradley at his shop in Weatherford Texas. Gayle has some records with Blade Sports and held a World Champion title. While I was there Gayle pointed me to Crucible Metals to meet with Scott Devanna the metallurgist.

The pic is Scott Devanna in the Crucible Metals distribution center Arlington, TX.

The first thing I noticed was the great hospitality of the people. Scott was very helpful with much insight dealing with their product line. He sold and gave me some new samples of various steels. If you notice in the background, the steel racks are full of knife maker's steel waiting to go out for orders.



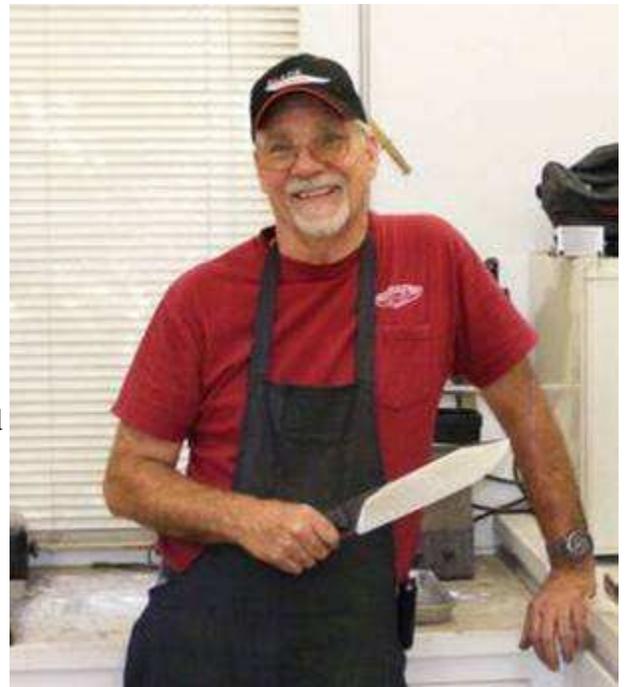
The yellow thing beside me is a giant horizontal band saw. It is one of the smallest ones there. While I was there



Scott gave me some new steel called Cru Forge V. I got as much as I could carry in my luggage to bring back here to Oregon.

After I left CM, I went to Gayle Bradley's Shop in Weatherford Texas. The daily temp in this part of the world was well over a hundred with high humidity. When I arrived at Gayle's shop he greeted me with kindness and hospitality.

His shop was to die for. He had a dream shop that most would die for. His pneumatic, electrical and heavy machines were placed so strategically. He had 110V outlets it seemed every 6 feet. The air system was the same. He must have had a drop every arms length in his shop. Next he showed me some of his blades he was working on. He showed me some really impressive folders utilizing what he called a wedge lock. The system he uses seemed like there was no play with strength in his folders. He told me how he learned from Warren Osborne. Next he let me play with his world record cutting competition blade. I then took a pic of him holding his blade. Gayle is holding his world champion competition blade. The blade is CPM M-4 with horse matt rubber handle.



After this he handed me another type of blade. The blade was in my opinion a design that was taken from the Indonesians. The blade really looks and feels like an Indonesian Golok. I am very familiar with them and have used them. Gayle told me that he got the design from Daniel Winkler. In my opinion he may have gotten this idea from the Sayoc Kali people. This trip was a great learning experience. I made new friends and contacts in my home state of Texas.



I hope to see a big crowd at the meeting.

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