

Merry Christmas!



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Flint River Knife Club

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WELCOME to our newest club member, **Don Stroud**, from Duluth, GA! Don was the president of the Chattahoochee Cutlery Club for 2006 and the Knife Show Chairman for the Great Southern Knife Show in October.

NEW CLUB OFFICERS were elected at the last club meeting. They are: President, **Jack Jackson**; Vice – president, **Ken Buckner**; Treasurer, **Marsha Brewer**; Secretary, **Cheryl Mullikin**; Newsletter Editor, **Mike Mullikin** and Historians, **Jim and Betty Martin**. We wish them all the best in 2007!

The government of Georgia approved the CLUB LOGO. It has now been sent to the Federal Government for approval. That will take approximately 6 to 9 months. Thank you, Karen, for taking care of this important item.

SAD NEWS: Robert Baron, a long time club member passed away in early November. Our condolences go out to his family.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION was given by Jack Jackson. Jack provided information on the marlin spike knife, used by sailors. The spike was originally made of wood, with a sheep's foot shaped blade. The knife is primarily used to loosen knots and splice lines; and to punch a hole in a canvas sail.



Jack touched a bit on sailing in his presentation and then gave us a chance to tie a bowline knot, one of the most important knots used in sailing. He also told us that the Houston Nautical Museum has a nice collection of Marlin Spike knives. All had an interesting and fun time!

CHRISTMAS DINNER: In lieu of the December meeting, the club will hold its annual Christmas dinner on **Tuesday, December 5 at 7 pm**. It will be held at the 57th Fighter Group, 3829 Clairmont Road, Chamblee, GA, next to the Peachtree Dekalb Airport. The restaurant is known for its beer cheese soup. Directions are attached to this newsletter. If you have not done so, please call **Craig Schneeberger** immediately to let him know how many are in your party: **770-395-9488 (h)** or **678-642-6977 (c)**.