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# Flint River Knife Club

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We had a visitor at the last club meeting, Dave Hardeman, a friend of Russell Demonbruen. It was nice meeting you, Dave, and hope to see you again.



**Award Winners**

The **GREAT SOUTHERN KNIFE SHOW** was a tremendous success! The tables sold out about two weeks before the opening of the show. We had gorgeous weather, an excellent facility, plenty of help and lots of participants. The whole place was charged with fun and smiles. We thank ALL of you, from displayers, vendors and knifemakers to club members of all 3 participating clubs. We especially want to thank **David Prowell** for all his hard work and long hours that he put in as Show Chairman. We could not have had such a successful show without him and his team!

**CLUB DUES** are to be paid before or at the November meeting. As a reminder, the cost for the first member is **\$25.00** and **\$10.00** for each additional family member that resides within the same household.

**CLUB KNIVES** will be available at the November meeting. Your club dues must be current and the knife balance paid in full in order to receive your knife and to be able to participate in the “low number” drawing. If you wish to have your knife mailed to you, add another **\$5.25** per knife. Remember, the knife this year is dedicated to the memory of **Fred Henderson**.

Please make an extra special effort to be at the **NEXT CLUB MEETING** on November 1, as we will have **NOMINATION and ELECTION OF OFFICERS** then. To have a successful and relevant club, we need the support of **all** our members!

**PROGRAM PRESENTATION** at the *October* meeting was given by Russell Demonbruen.



### Russell's Green River Knives

In 1834, John Russell's factory on the Green River in Greenfield, MA, began to mass-produce knives. This was the first American-owned and operated US company to do so. In 1846, the railroads and western expansion brought an increased demand for reliable knives; the cutlery business quadrupled in the space of a few years. In the mid-1850's, Green River's native born work force was largely replaced by Irish and German immigrants who were less demanding and more dependent on management. In 1870, the company moved to a new building in Turner's Falls, MA, at the time the largest cutlery factory in the world. After numerous ups and downs through the 1920's, the company merged with the Harrington Cutlery Company in 1933, becoming the Russell-Harrington Cutlery Company. This company is still in operation today in Southbridge, MA.

The **CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held at Pilgreen's Restaurant on Tara Blvd. in Jonesboro, Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm. There is a **change** in the cost of the dinner: the Club will pay for the member's meal, but the member must pay for guests or family members that are not club members. The price of the meal is \$23.00.

For an entree, you can choose either fried shrimp, grilled shrimp, chicken kabobs or a 14 ounce T-bone steak, accompanied by a salad, potato, a vegetable of choice and a drink.

To make your reservations, call **Craig Schneeberger** by **November 15**. His number is 678-642-6977. We always have a good time, so we're looking forward to seeing you there!



**NEXT MEETING!**

**7 p.m., Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
First Baptist Church  
In Jonesboro**