



September 2008 Flint River Knife Club

WELCOME to Rodney Smith, our guest at the last meeting. He was invited by June Hawkins. Rodney collects knives.

Betty Martin is recovering nicely after a minor surgery earlier in August. We hope to see your bright smile again at the next meeting, Betty!



CLUB KNIVES Bill Bradberry has already received the knives from the manufacturer. The Club got to examine them at the last meeting. For **2008**, the knife will be a bone-handle, lock-back pocket knife. For **2009**, the knife will be a 2-bladed, stag-handle, gun stock pocket knife. Bill will send the knives out soon to be engraved. Thank you, Bill and the Knife Committee, for your hard work and getting the knives at a very reasonable price.

CLUB TRIP Our next outing will be to the Bear Cutlery Factory in Jackson, Alabama, on Saturday, **Oct. 11**. Most likely we will car pool over there, but more details will follow in the next newsletter. For now, just save that date!

BENEFIT KNIFE Since the Club is not doing a show this year, the big fundraiser will be selling chances to win the Benefit Knife. Wayne Hensley has made a beautiful Chef's Knife. The overall length of the knife is 12 1/2 inches. David Prowell will make a cutting board to go with it. We should have pictures of them at the next meeting to help sell tickets. There will be **200** tickets at **\$10** a ticket. Every member, or couple, if both you and your spouse are members, is encouraged to sell at least **10** tickets.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION Karen Schneeberger presented the program for August. Her topic was "appreciation." She queried various members who are knife makers on how much they sold their first knife for, and what it would be worth in today's market. There was a lot of bantering back and forth, and several chuckles, as the makers related their stories. However, **ALL** reported that it had greatly increased in value.



Her presentation then took a little twist! She spoke of contributions of two club members, Mike and Cheryl Mullikin, and that the Club appreciated their years of service, as newsletter editor and secretary. She presented them with a letter of appreciation, signed by the members present, and a large decorated cake. It was such a lovely surprise that Mike's jaw dropped and Cheryl's eyes teared up! (Both of them send a hearty "Thank You!" to the Club.)

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, September 2 at 7 p.m.