



# BUCKAROO NEWS

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## A Hair-Raising Bear Story

In the May 2000 Club Newsletter, Chuck Buck wrote an interesting article about a man in Alaska who survived a bear attack by using his 110 Buck Knife to defend himself.

“On November 29, 1999, Gene Moe – a 69 year old hunter who lives in Anchorage, Alaska shared with me the story of an experience he had and it’s a tale I’ll never forget....one that I want to share with you.

“It happened on November 1, while Gene was hunting for Blacktail deer on 20-mile-long Raspberry Island near Kodiak. He had just shot a deer and was in the process of skinning and quartering it. So far, nothing unusual had happened. But then Gene gave me some background that set the stage for the real story.

“He explained that oriental salmon fishermen are using very long nets on their trawlers, catching nearly all of the salmon in the area, leaving not many left to swim up the streams to spawn. As a result, the brown bears in the area are nearly starving to death, in many cases they don’t get enough to eat to hibernate.”

Chuck goes on to describe Gene’s story. “As he was removing the heart and liver from the deer with his Buck 110FG, he turned just in time to see a 750 lb Brown Bear charging directly toward him. He didn’t have time to grab his rifle, so he clutched his knife firmly. He knew he was a goner.

“The bear was flailing her paws and one of Gene’s ears was severed in two. His right upper arm was instantly hit with such force from a swipe of her paw that he could see his bare bones.”

Chuck continues with the exciting story. To find out what happened, I encourage you to go to the Club Web Site and go to the Newsletter section and find the May 2000 issue to read the end. Or, maybe your family has a copy of that particular Newsletter. Good Luck.

Mr. Moe has a daughter who lives in Utah and he visits her from Alaska quite often. He is now 80 years old and still struggles a bit with the injuries the bear inflicted on him during a deer hunt on Raspberry Island.

## WE HAVE A WINNER – KNIFE DRAWING

Congratulations to R. J., Robert Hulver, an 8 year old boy from Rio, West Virginia who won the drawing for the youth knife featured in the last “Buckaroo News”. The 825 Buck Statue of Liberty Lock Back was tied to a coupon that the youth were asked to mail in to be eligible for the drawing. His winning coupon was drawn by BCCI members who attended the November 2011 Kentucky Cutlery Association Show in Shepherdsville, KY.

Robert is the grandson of BCCI Member Eddie Racey and his wife Melinda. They have helped Robert start his Buck Knife collection, who also leads a very active life:

- He’s active in Scouts and 4H
- Plays soccer, rides 4 wheelers and dirt bikes
- Raises 18 chickens and sells the eggs for spending money
- Likes to hunt and fish and has been a young successful deer hunter



R.J. Robert Hulver

He plans to attend the February Shenandoah Knife Show in Harrisonburg with his grandparents. We hope this will be the first of many shows that will help Robert with his Buck Knife collecting. Good luck Robert with your many pursuits.

## A SPECIAL DOG NAMED BUDDY



Two of the BCCI members who have helped bring you the Buckaroo News since it began in the spring of 2010 have had many dogs during their time together. Since 1960, there have been a Lab, Chesapeake Retriever, Dash Hound, Golden Retriever, Pug, Poodle, Brittany, and a Basset Hound. None of them lived to celebrate an 18th birthday. It was always hard to say goodbye to each of the good friends. Each had its own personality and brought warmth,

fun, excitement and love to the family.

In 2008, the family decided not to get another dog. They just couldn't say adios to another companion. But, in 2009 one of the family members was sent to Alaska to work for 9 months.

Overtime, the wife back in Utah felt that a dog might help ease the empty feeling with her husband being in Alaska. So, a special dog named Buddy soon joined the family.



Buddy, a 7 year old mixed breed, was adopted from

a shelter. He was mostly Scottie and was named Buddy by the couple's granddaughter. The vet mentioned that it was apparent that Buddy had suffered an infection of some kind when he was a puppy and had developed a high fever. It probably wasn't treated properly and he soon developed Neurological problems that affected his coordination. He was a very calm, well behaved dog and soon brought joy to the house. He had to be helped in and out of the car or pickup and had difficulty going up and down stairs. But, he enjoyed chasing a ball and cornering Willie the squirrel in a tree in the backyard.



In August 2010, Buddy developed stomach problems that couldn't be treated. So, once again, it was time to say goodbye to a special friend. Before he died, a picture of Buddy was sent to a talented lady who lives near Tyrone, New Mexico. Her name is Leesa. She does scrimshaw work, especially on certain knife handles. A friend of the couple, Dave sent her a Buck 500 model with an Ivory handle. Such material is easy for Leesa to perform her artistic magic. The results are in the pictures. Dear Departed Friend – Dear Buddy.

## ARE YOU 18? – DECISION TIME

As a youth member in the Buck Collectors Club – BCCI - when you turn 18, it's time to make a decision on whether you want to continue your membership in the Club as an "Annual" or "Life" Member. Youth members are sponsored by their parents, grandparents, other relatives, or perhaps close friends. The By-laws of the Club State: "Junior (Youth) Membership. Youth membership may be obtained, upon the same terms as annual members, by any prospective youth who has not yet attained 18 years of age. Youth members have all of the rights and privileges with the exception of holding office and voting in elections. They must adhere to all duties, responsibilities and regulations of membership in the BCCI as annual members."

So, the Club certainly hopes that each of you who will turn 18 in 2012 will continue to be a key member in one of the most popular and respected knife clubs in the country. You can do this by paying the annual member dues – currently \$25.00.

Eighteen seems to be an important age in the lives of most young people:

Many will graduate from high school and then make decisions on their respective futures

Many will get jobs and enter the work force

Many will get married

There will be those who will join the Armed Forces and serve our country

A large percentage will go to college after graduating from high school

Whatever your decision might be, the Buck Collectors Club wishes you the best success and hopes that you will also decide to continue your membership in BCCI.

Everybody you know, who is older, also turned 18 once. Perhaps your grandparents graduated from high school in 1957 when they turned 18. Those were interesting days:

President Eisenhower was inaugurated for a second term.

The first U.S. Nuclear power plant began operation in Shippingport, PA.

Milwaukee Braves won the World Series. Detroit Lions were the Football Champions.

Life expectancy – 69.6 years. A new car cost \$2,157.00. A movie - \$1.00.

A gallon of gas 24 cents; A stamp 3 cents; Eggs 28 cents/dozen; Milk \$1.00/gallon.

For you turning 18 in 2012, 1994 - the year you were born was a magical year: Bill Clinton was President; Life expectancy was 75.7 years; A new car \$12,371.00; Movie ticket \$4.08; Postage 29 cents; Gas \$1.09/gallon; Eggs 86 cents/dozen; Milk \$2.29/gallon.

As time travels on in your lives, you will experience many new innovations and discoveries. However, a lot of basic things will stay the same, which will help with your life to be more stable as you grow older. Go Youth – Go Buck Knives – Go BCCI.

## Knife Shows Can Be Fun and Exciting



If your folks ever say, “We are going to a knife show this coming weekend to see Chuck Buck from Buck Knives”, don’t hesitate to say, “Great. I’m excited”. You will be in for a special treat. Make sure that you take

something that’s a favorite of yours for him to sign.

Chuck was born in 1936 in California and now lives in Post Falls, Idaho near the Buck Factory. Buck Knives has been an American family owned business for many years and has a special place in the hearts of Buck Collectors, as well as the many people who like using Buck Knives.



His grandfather, Hoyt Buck was born in 1889 and made his first knife in 1902 as a blacksmith apprentice when he was 13 years old. Chuck’s father Al came along in 1910 and was a key figure with Buck Knives for years. The popular 110 model and many other beauties were created during his time with Buck. Chuck’s boy C.J. was born in 1960 and his grandson Josh in 1986. They too are with Buck today.



So, if you ever get the chance to meet Chuck, or perhaps C.J. at a Show consider yourself fortunate. Just step up to either of them with a smile and say, “It’s an honor to meet you.” Have something with you to be signed.

Notice the variety of things in the pictures that youth have had signed.

Oh, by the way, when Hoyt was 18 he left his home in Kansas and moved to the State of Washington to begin his new life.



## KNIVES CAN ALSO TURN 18 YEARS OLD

Most of you should know about the date codes that Buck has been stamping on their various models since 1986. For example – the date code for 1986 was < and the code for “1994” \. The age of knives and when they were made is a key component for collectors.

Years ago Buck came out with a magazine ad that introduced a “New Super Knife”. The first of five pocket knife models was issued in the 1980 catalog. It was the 703 and was named the Colt. It was designed as a heftier knife that was stronger and had more body than most other pocket knives. It was a 3 bladed stockman that was 3 ¼” closed. Even though it hit the streets in 1980, the first sample was made in 1978. Soon after, the factory began producing them in large quantities to sell.

So, looking at the date the 703 was created – 1978 and by adding 18 years to that date we get “1996”. For you members turning 18 years old in 2012, perhaps a small knife – the 703 Colt can become a special friend. The added bonus for you is that Buck had a company etch a scene with a young horse on the main blade (clip) of the knife. These were Limited Editions and came in a nice jewelry box. So, happy birthday this year for those of you turning 18, and a happy 34th birthday also to a nice small knife with the name “Colt”.

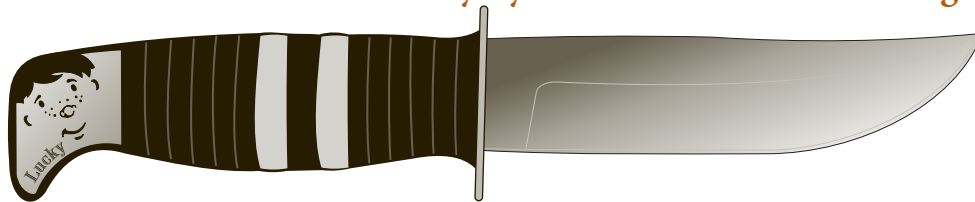




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## Travels With a Knife Named Lucky By BCCI Member Russ Donoghue



In the last episode with Lucky, his owner Frank Anselm was a young boy in 1902 and was still weak from having rheumatic fever. He had finally got strong enough in May to go hunting with his dad. Of course, his knife Lucky went with him. They had a great day.

Years later, Frank had learned from his uncle that the young boy, who had made Lucky for him in 1902, had left Kansas in 1907 to begin a new life in Washington State. He was sad that he had never met Hoyt Buck. Hoyt was 18 when he moved west. He hoped that some day he would meet Hoyt so he could thank him for making Lucky.

Frank was a good boy who loved his mother and father very much. He quit school after the 8th grade to help his father with the family Hardware and Feed Store. They also sold lumber to people living near their home – Wentzville, MO. In 1911, Frank had turned 18 and his job at the Store had taken on many added duties, one of which was to deliver items to customers.

One hot summer day, Frank and his dad loaded the big wagon they used to haul things. In the load were several 8 ft. 2x4's and 2x6's. They were held together by three strands of wire. Frank took the reins of the two mules used to pull the large wagon. His dad sat next to him. Mr. Anselm looked at Frank as they left the

yard and said, "Let's stop at the Strong's place first and get rid of the lumber. The mules seem a bit nervous this morning. Keep a tight rein."

Just before getting to the Strong farm, the road climbed a hill. As Frank moved the team up the hill, they were met by one of the few "new-fangled cars" in town. The team spooked and he began to lose control of them and the wagon. Confusion set in. The wagon rolled off the side of the road and Frank's dad was thrown out. He was hit by the 2x4's. His right leg was broken, as was his left shoulder. He couldn't see Frank who was tangled in the reins and harness. One mule was crushed and the other one seemed ok. Frank shouted, "Dad – dad, are you ok." In a weak voice, Mr. Anselm said, "I need help. You ok?" Frank couldn't get lose. He quickly reached for Lucky who was cramped in the dirt under Frank's back. He finally got him free and Lucky began to cut and slash the reins and harness. Frank was soon free and crawled to his dad who was pinned under the lumber. In a low whisper, Mr. Anselm said, "Can you cut the wires and get the lumber off me?" Frank took Lucky in his right hand. They looked at one another and soon went to work to battle the wire. This challenge was something new for Lucky. Too be continued.