



Knifemaker Ted Ose makes a crowd out of water bottles. This was the first one, and the second "shot".



Thomas' Bill is one of the "knives" shown at a knife show in Dallas. He is a collector and a maker. He is also a member of the Texas Knifemakers and Collectors Association.



Paula Moore is a knife maker in Florida. She is a member of the Texas Knifemakers and Collectors Association.



Ed Steiner and Lee Tamm check the knife and the box it came in to analyze the value.



Steve Steiner of Austin, Texas, attacks the "knives" at the show.



Tommy Gann's bowie took "Best of Show", and he won "Best Innovative Hunter" as well in the Texas Knifemakers and Collectors Association-sponsored awards.



Gary Steinhilber's Schrade's anniversary commemorative with a white handle. They were all shown to sell.



John is a knife maker along with a knife maker. He is a member of the Texas Knifemakers and Collectors Association.



Warren Osborne on his way to setting a new world record in the 2x4 cut at 2:37 seconds as Timmy Perry Miller and Chris Carlson observe.

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Steve Singer and the end of the course cut. This innovation to course cut competitions was designed by Warren Osborne and allows 12 cuts in 40 seconds. (Terrill Hoffman photo)

The Knives Illustrated Spirit of Steel Show

Knives are Tops in Texas

By staff

Knives Illustrated's Spirit of Steel Show offered a little bit of everything in the knife world to the show guests attending the sixth annual event. Held in the Hilton DFW Hilton Executive Lakes Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas, the show featured hand-made knives, vintage antiques, manufacturers and collections.

The International Cutting Championship Trail opened up its 2006-'07 points race at this year's show. Seminars were conducted by the Texas Knifemakers and Collectors Association and many makers reported brisk and improved sales over prior shows.

The Knifemakers awards were sponsored and awarded by the

Texas Knifemakers & Collectors Association. Here are the results: "Best Art Knife": Lee Ferguson; "Best Combat Knife": John Fitch; "Best Damascus Design": J. A. Martin; "Best Fixed-Blade": John Perry; "Best Folder": Gayle Bradley; "Best Hunter": Jim Crowell; "Best Miniature": Richard Self; "Most Innovative": Tommy Gann; "Best Competition Knife": Gayle Bradley; "Best Sheath": Kenny Rowe.

Collectors awards results are: "Best of Show": John Fullen-Marbles Knives and Claude Eddy-Case 4 Blades; "First Place": David



Gayle Bradley was a two-trophy winner at SOS, winning "Best Folder" from the TK&CA awards. (Terrill Hoffman photo)