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Next meeting Friday September 12 Agenda

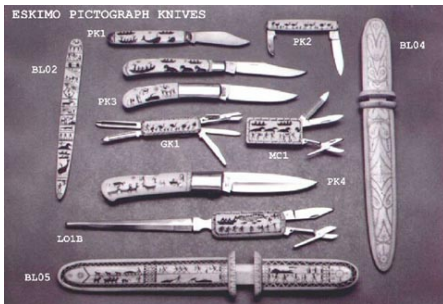
All times are approximate

6:00–7:00 p.m. Tool talk & sales

7:00–7:30 p.m. General meeting

7:30–8:30 p.m. “Tools of
Summer” and
“Pocket Knives”

9:00 p.m. Tool sales/wrap-
up



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The President's Plane Talk

I have been busy this summer buying tools and then selling them at Bellwood Flea Market. At times, I felt like a tool broker, pawnshop owner and Fred Sanford all in one. I have kept a few tools for my collection and some tools for my shop work. I mostly bought “newer tools” which is unlike me, but they do sell well at the flea market. I actually found some nice “antique tools” at an antique shop and a couple of yard sales. These tools were cheap and I will leave it at that. You will have to come to our meeting to see them and hear the stories. Yes, it's our annual “Summer Finds” meeting and an added theme of “Pocket Knives.” Please read on...

RATS member, Tom Storamski, a pocket knife collector, will lead us in a discussion of pocket knives. If you bring in any knife to “show-n-tell” *please note the following info from Bill Taggart:*

It generally is illegal to have a knife, other than a pocket knife having a folding blade of less than three inches, on the property of any school in Virginia. Generally a knife having a blade of three inches or longer is considered to be a “weapon” in Virginia.

There is an exception to this rule for “persons who possess such weapon or weapons as a part of any program sponsored or facilitated by either the school or any organization authorized by the school to conduct its programs either on or off the school premises.” We believe we qualify for this exception – RATS is an organization authorized by the school to conduct its programs on the school premises, and the knives would be possessed as part of a program sponsored by RATS. *If you will bring a knife with a blade longer than 3” do not conceal it – you could be considered to be illegally carrying a concealed weapon.*

So, with that being written, I ask you to play it safe: keep them smaller than 3”, no switch blades, machetes or bowie knives. This is an educational program held by RATS.

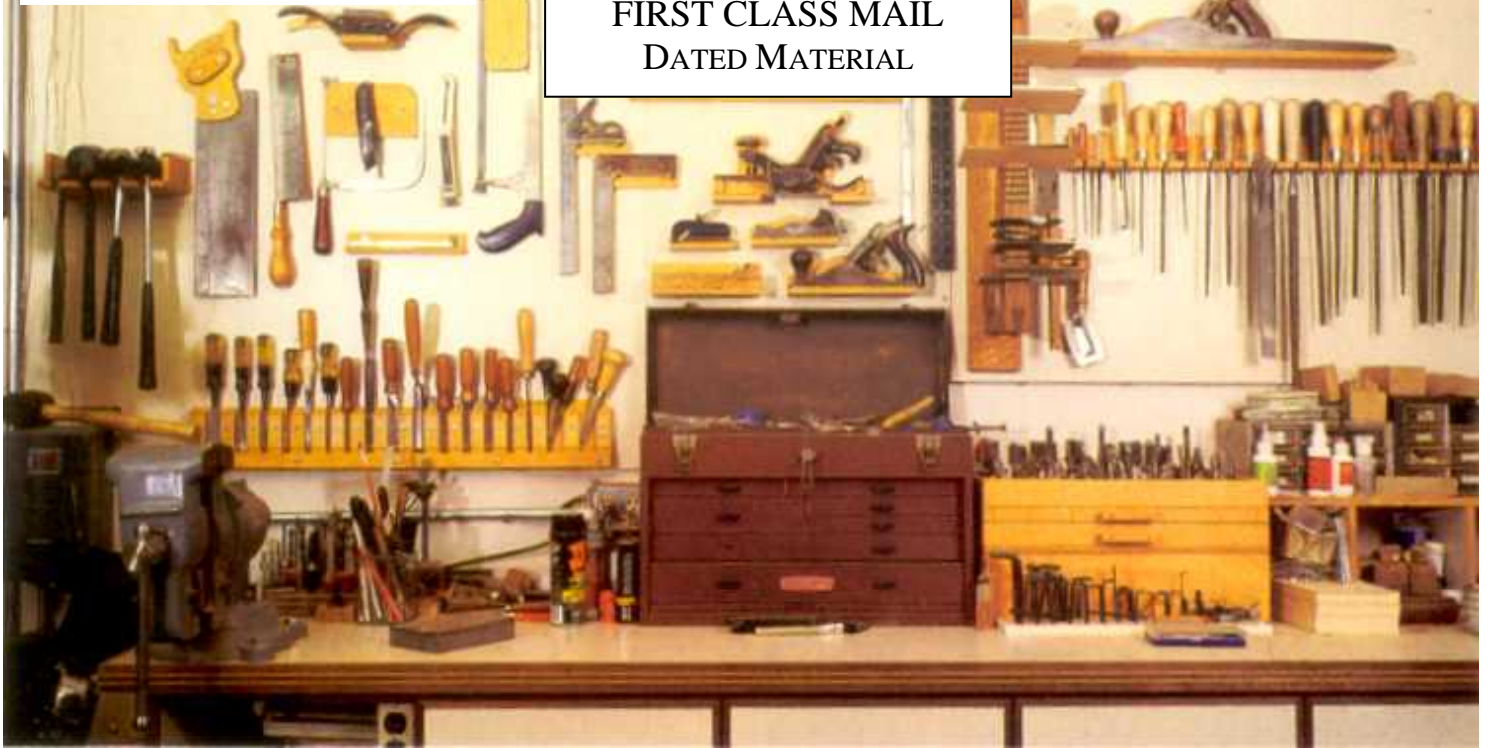
I hope to see you and a friend at this meeting on Friday night, September 12th at Pocahontas Middle School. Bring tools to sell, money to buy and your summer finds or pocket knives to show-n-tell. I look forward to seeing you after a long summer break.

Plane and Simple,

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RATS Calendar 2007

September 12
RATS Meeting
Pocahontas Middle School

TBA – Dec
RATS Gathering
American Legion Hall
Indale Rd., Glen Allen, VA

TBA – Dec
Antique Tool Show
The Showplace, Mechanicsville, VA

