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The holidays are now officially in full swing! Before I get into what's going on around the shop, I'd like to say I am sorry for taking so long in between newsletters again. Next year I hope to do much better.

Since the last letter in March I've been very busy with the new shop, in a new city with some new knife designs, methods and materials. I set up at my first knife show in Dallas at the end of September. It was a great time! I got to meet a lot of people and put a lot of faces to names. I thank everyone that came out and took some time out to talk to me and an extra thank you to all that bought knives! Now we are looking forward to the Vegas Classic show Friday, January 16 - Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the Riviera.

My wife, Bianca, doesn't normally get much shop time but last October she stepped up and helped me produce over 1100 mine probes to be used by EOD troops in the US Army. She is now officially an experienced drill press operator, and a great help on the big jobs!



I've been working on a few new folders, like the Hydra. I really like the Hydra- XL, but at a little over 10 inches over all in the open position, it may not be the most practical to carry around town. The Hydra-R is the same profile at 85% magnification and makes for a very handy full size knife. I'm pretty happy with the way this design is working out.



With the new work and the increase in the number of my knives in the hands of folks, my order list has grown to quite a back log. Mostly my orders are for folders, a few fixed blades here and there, but it's the folders that have me buried. That being said, my instinct is to stop taking orders. The problem with that is I feel like a jerk when someone contacts me to make them a knife and I turn them away. So I am not going to do either. In order for everyone to have their cake and eat it too, I have come up with this compromise. Anyone that wants me to make them a custom knife can get on the list. Getting on the list, is not binding to either of us in either way. When your turn gets close, I will

contact you and let you know your time is coming close. At that time, we can talk about what you want me to make, how long it's really going to take and what the final cost is going to be. If things have changed in the customer's life to where they don't want me to build them a knife then, I can move on to the next name, no hard feelings, no worries. This will, I hope, keep me from getting buried in orders and allow me to give the details of each knife my fullest attention in turn, rather than trying to balance everything at once.

In the long run I would like to thank everyone that takes the time to read this for their support. Without you, I would have to get a real job and not spend all day playing with knives. I would really rather avoid that, if at all possible....

Thank you all again, and I hope to see you at a knife show in the coming year. Until then, stay safe and have a Merry Christmas!

Respectfully Submitted,
Les George

