



## Welcome

We are delighted to reach out to you all again after such a year of uncertainty! As many of you know, we are in southern Maine, USA, and for most of the spring and early summer, a moderate lockdown was in place. Business was non-existent and outdoor activities boomed! Brainstorming must have been high on a lot of lists, as this year saw some pretty awesome limited-release Victorinox products, and thus our focus in this year's newsletter! We hope you enjoy it.

## Club Updates

There are several small changes to the club beginning this year. One you have probably already noticed is that we now have a new official e-mail address. All club related information will be directed to and responded from VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com, this includes all monetary transactions.

VSAKCS also has claimed an eBay address! <https://www.ebay.com/usr/vsakcs> beginning December 15th, VSAKCS will be hosting a charity auction for a 20th Anniversary - Wooden scaled VSAKCS Cyber-Tool S(29), including Certificate of Authenticity #1/140!

This auction will end Dec. 25th, 2020. 100% of proceeds will go directly to the International organization [Doctor's Without Borders](#). The donation will be managed through the [PayPal Giving Fund](#). We hope to make this a yearly December tradition!



## Call for Newsletter Contributions

We want to hear from our members, and this time, for a (very) limited time, we are willing to offer a bribe for newsletter worthy submissions!

Do you have something fun, or particularly interesting to say about your Swiss Army knives? Perhaps a particular niche focus within your collection you want to talk about? Or a really good story you wish to share?

We are looking for a few quality submissions — if we choose to publish your work, we will send you a brand-new, old stock, VSAKCS Red Classic Swiss Army Knife. A big thank you to our former club President, Dan Jacquart, for digging these out of a forgotten cache, untouched for many years.

Send submissions to: VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com — title your mail "Newsletter Submission 2021" — Or mail us at the address found at the end of this newsletter. *Accepted submissions will be subject to alterations by our editor, pictures are accepted but may be cropped or resized depending on available space. Submissions must arrive by August 1st, 2021, to be eligible for the 2021 newsletter, and to receive the VSAKCS classic if accepted.*



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## Tribute to Joe

In last years issue, we briefly mentioned the passing of a dear friend. It was sudden, and we did not have time to compose a proper tribute —

On August 17th, 2019, we lost a dear friend and the New England Sales Representative for Victorinox USA. Joe Buscemi, a resident of Wareham, Massachusetts, served as our field sales representative for more than 17 years.

Joe often spoiled us when he came to visit, often taking my wife and I out to dinner. His fiancée, Cindy, would often tag along and we all became well acquainted.

Joe knew we had the eyes and ears of the collector’s market on us. He often made a point of providing sneak peeks into unusual Victorinox products, and when something was about to be discontinued, he made sure we knew about it. He often showed up with “surprises,” to the point where Jason would often greet ‘Uncle Joe’ at the door with a hopeful grin.

Joe was famous for his Hawaiian shirts; he had quite the collection and he loved the various designs. We heard he had envisioned the design



from his favorite shirt to be printed as a special edition Swiss Army Knife. After his passing, a few of his coworkers found his files, and the knife made its debut at his Celebration of Life as a gift for all those in attendance in the form of a Victorinox Rambler.

His efforts on behalf of Victorinox, and his advocacy for his customers, was second to none. Joe was immensely proud to be a spokesman for such an incredible product line. We honor and miss him.

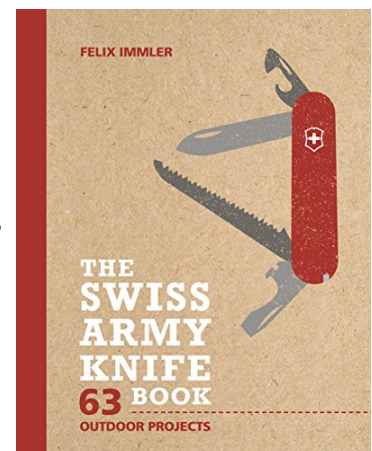
-Doug Dillman

## Felix Immler’s Books and Videos

I would like to take this opportunity to plug Felix Immler for his incredible book: “The Swiss Army Knife Book: 63 Outdoor Projects”

Felix is a Swiss nature instructor and expert on so many subjects pertaining to the use of and care of Victorinox Swiss Army Knives. He serves as spokesman and pocket knife skills instructor for Victorinox. This book gives detailed instructions on completing 63 bushcraft type projects using only a Swiss Army Knife. Other books by Mr. Immler are Outdoor mit dem Taschenmesser in German and Crafting With the Pocketknife.

He offers a series of YouTube videos, covering wide areas of Swiss Army Knife maintenance and pocket knife skill instructions. He is articulate, instructive, and animated in his presentations. It is truly a pleasure to watch his videos.



## Roundup of Limited Edition Knives

This year has seen a plethora of Special Edition knives, with the introduction of the unusually popular Damascus Santoku from Victorinox's Swiss Modern Kitchen Cutlery line. We happened to hear through the grape vine that this line will continue into next year, though collectors will have to wait a little bit longer to see what is next!

The Swiss Modern Damascus Santoku has a Walnut handle and is limited to 1,884 pieces worldwide. This new edition sold out quickly from Victorinox direct, and is already commanding higher than retail pricing in the online second-hand market.

**Item #:** 6.9050.17J20  
**Length of blade:** 6.7 in  
**Weight:** 3.9 oz



The yearly limited edition Alox Trio continues for its 5th year with the Aqua blue series. These will continue to be available until the end of the year when production stops.

<b>Pioneer</b>	<b>Cadet</b>	<b>Classic</b>
<b>Item #:</b> 0.8201.L20	<b>Item #:</b> 0.2601.L20	<b>Item #:</b> 0.6221.L20
<b>Height:</b> 0.5 in	<b>Height:</b> 0.3 in	<b>Height:</b> 0.2 in
<b>Length:</b> 3.7 in	<b>Length:</b> 3.4 in	<b>Length:</b> 2.3 in
<b>Weight:</b> 2.5 oz	<b>Weight:</b> 1.6 oz	<b>Weight:</b> 0.6 oz



The Swiss Sprit line introduced its second knife this summer — an Explorer model, depicting a Swiss mountain range on the front scale, and a multitude of Swiss icons on the back. Both this, and last year's Evo Wood 10 were exclusively available from Victorinox, but have since sold out.

**Item #:** 1.6705.7L20  
**Height:** 0.9 in  
**Length:** 3.6 in  
**Weight:** 3.6 oz





We don't typically highlight watches, but this next edition deserves a honorable mention due to the inclusion of an unusual Pioneer Alox model that features matching colors to the face of the I.N.O.X. Mechanical. A lot of folks have been wondering if the Swiss Cross Shield on the Pioneer glows in the dark similar to that of the watch itself, but sadly it does not. Still a great design variation for those of us who need one of everything. Both pieces come together in a beautiful presentation box.



**Item #:** 241867.1

**Bracelet material:** Wood strap

**Diameter:** 43 mm

This fall we got to see a revolutionary new Alox design debut in the 2020 Winter Magic series. This is the first of hopefully many and depicts what appear to be etched aluminum Alox scales with a highly detailed snowflake pattern over a gray-blue anodized backdrop. Included is a laser cut snowflake key-ring charm! Limited to 10,000 world-wide, this is a must-have for any Alox enthusiast.



**Item #:** 0.8231.22E1

**Height:** 0.6 in

**Length:** 3.7 in

**Weight:** 2.8 oz

Shortly after the release of the Alox Winter Magic knife, and seemingly without warning, a second holiday limited edition piece became immediately available. The Climber 'Wood For You Special Edition 2020' depicts a wonderfully whimsical wind swept winter landscape on walnut wood. Striking across the opposite side, and etched upon the main blade, is a shooting star.

**Item #:** 1.3704.63E2

**Height:** 0.7 in

**Length:** 3.6 in

**Weight:** 3 oz





Additional limited run 2020 productions also include:

### Year of the Rat



### Fresh Energy Swiss Card



### Swiss Art Classics



### Onyx Trio: Ranger Grip 55 Signature Lite Spartan



### The full Winter Magic lineup:



Photo courtesy of Rupert Eichner

## 2020 VSAKCS Special Edition

Our final highlight is what most of you have been waiting for...we're proud to introduce the 2020 VSAKCS Special Edition club knife!

This unique design offers a slight differentiation to the Farmer X, adding a pruning blade in place of the can opener. Unofficially dubbed the 'Harvester X'. We have upgraded our special edition box to mimic that of the more durable Swiss Spirit line. Due to the overwhelming support from our members, and high demand for previous VSAKCS models, this edition will be limited to 350 pieces — the largest run the club has ever produced. Production was late this year, so sadly we do not have an official picture to share, the knife is currently in production and expected to arrive at our headquarters late December or early January.

Members interested in purchasing an additional knife as a gift or keepsake may request a single additional knife, however this addition may not be guaranteed and will depend entirely upon how many orders are received during the pre-order phase. If your order is acknowledged, one knife will be reserved under your name and any additions will be addressed after the pre-order phase has ended.

## Until Next Year...

We hope this letter brought some smiles to our members on this — lets face it — very bleak 2020. Let this holiday season be a joyful one, cherish your family and stay safe.

*Doug Dillman, President*

To pre-order this knife via email, please address - [VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com](mailto:VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com)  
Title your order "VSAKCS 2020 Pre-Order"  
You MUST include the following information -  
- Your PayPal email address  
- Your full shipping address, including country  
- One or two knives requested  
Cost is \$90.00 USD + shipping.

You will receive a PayPal invoice from [VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com](mailto:VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com) when your package is ready to ship.

Attention international buyers - The VSAKCS Team is not responsible for custom fees or dues upon arrival. Parcels are all pre-marked 'Victorinox Multi-Tool' and ship via PayPal's United States Postal Service. All parcels can be tracked directly from your PayPal receipt.

### **\*Special Ordering Note\***

**Please DO NOT use Facebook Messenger, or Jason's direct email to request this knife. He will likely be overwhelmed managing our retail store this Holiday season and may not be able to respond in a timely manner. We do not want you to miss out! Thank you for understanding!**




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