



Welcome

Hello Victorinox Swiss Army Knife Collectors Society members! We hope everyone is having a safe, productive and most importantly fun summer season!

We want to send out a reminder that anyone interested in submitting an article for the VSAKCS 2021 end of year newsletter previously had a deadline of August 1st (detailed in the 2020 newsletter) to receive a FREE original, new in box, VSAKCS classic. We have extended the deadline to September 1st.

Collaboration with Victorinox Friends

This month we would like to highlight a collaboration we have established with the Austrian Swiss Army Knife club - 'Victorinox Freunde' or 'Victorinox Friends'. Founded in 2014 by Mr. Jan Schiesswald, it is now the largest German speaking Swiss Army Knife group online. This club serves the localized interests of collectors in the regions of Switzerland, Germany and Austria.



The Victorinox Friends have previously produced four club knives: a Pioneer X, Climber, Super Tinker, and Mini-Champ with the addition of the Victorinox 4" serrated round tip paring knife in a blue handle.

For 2021 the Victorinox Friends group is celebrating their 7th year, and have recently released a beautiful new exclusive model. The Rancher X is a 93mm alox model in forest green. Differing from the traditional standard of the Pioneer X, a pruning blade replaces the can-opener. This model comes in the special edition silver collectors box, and includes a velcro club logo 'VF' patch. It is a limited run of 450 total pieces.

The VSAKCS club has obtained a small quantity of these knives available only to members with USA mailing addresses. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see the information below.

Cost: \$145.00

5.5% Maine state sales tax is included.

FREE SHIPPING with USPS Priority Mail.

To order the exclusive VF Rancher X with VF Patch:

Call our shop in Freeport, Maine:

Casco Bay Cutlery & Kitchenware AKA 'Freeport Knife Co.' at # 1 (207) 865-0779

Sunday-Tuesday 11am-5pm EST.

Thursday-Saturday 10am-6pm EST.

Alternatively -

Send an email to: VSAKCS.USA@gmail.com

Subject title: VF Rancher X Order

- Please provide: your full USA ONLY mailing address.
- We will respond to confirm your order and send a PayPal invoice shortly after.



Future of ordering from VSAKCS for EU and UK members

Due to new shipping rules implemented July 1, 2021, VSAKCS can no longer ship directly to UK or EU residential addresses until further notice. VSAKCS will have a specialty distributor set up in the region with a fixed number of VSAKCS knives available to members.

We understand the incredible frustration this has created for EU customers who purchase internationally. As many who belong to the online forums already know, Swiss Army collectors are a tight-knit group. We highly recommend that club members who may anticipate future shipping issues, might wish to consider finding a trusted friend with a USA-based address to either hold or be willing to forward a package along. There are shipping options available to individual residents that we, as a business, cannot take advantage of.

For all other international customers — please be advised that we no longer offer USPS First Class as an international shipping option. This is directly due to the number of lost shipments over the previous year and the fact that First Class parcels cannot be properly insured or tracked. All future options will be limited to USPS Priority Mail International, or UPS International options, all international parcels containing merchandise will be fully tracked and insured for its purchase value.

Club Updates

I would like to inform members that my son, Jason Dillman, is assuming the role of Club Director effective immediately. Jason's engagement in club activities and communication with members has been increasing very seriously over the last few years. His knowledge of Victorinox history and particularly the many changes in Swiss Army knife models over the years has become quite extensive. He is actively involved with many very serious Victorinox collectors all over the world.

Time spent working in the factory has given Jason a special appreciation for all things related to Victorinox. In addition, he has strong relations with other clubs throughout the world, which will ultimately have benefits for members of our club. I will remain as a strong contributor to all club related activities. My experience as a former USA-based Victorinox executive and time spent at the factory in Ibach gives me a unique perspective to advise Jason on all club related subjects. I expect that this change will ensure the continuation of our club for many years to come.

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