

# Klutch Barber Expo coming March 16

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expected from  
several states

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Sean Ralston owns two Klutch barbershops with 17 barbers in Owensboro. But he spends most of his time on the road these days doing barber education workshops. So, Ralston created Klutch Barber Expo, a one-day education and competition event coming to the Owensboro Convention Center on March 16. And he's hoping to

draw between 250 and 300 people so the expo can become an annual event. "I've sold 140 tickets so far," Ralston said. "And only one to an Owensboro barber. But I think the numbers will grow over the next month." He said one person is driving 11 hours to be in Owensboro and people are flying in from California and Florida. "As far as I know, this is the first barber expo in Owensboro and one of the first in the state," he said. Ralston said, "I'm on the road twice a month going to events like this. I wondered why there were none close to home. So, I

created one." Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. And while it's aimed at barbers, Ralston said the public will enjoy the afternoon and evening events. Tickets range from \$40 to \$125. But the general public can use the code OWB30 and get them for half price, Ralston said. The expo has vendors from all over the country selling such things as barber supplies, handcrafted sunglasses and apparel. Barbers will also be competing for trophies and money in four categories. Students will be doing

any kind of fade, judged on cleanliness of fade, line-work, style and overall finished cut. There's also competition for modern traditional, fast fade and freestyle & total look cuts. Ralston said sometimes the total look category sees people looking like zombies. It's up to the barber to decide the look he or she wants to present. A DJ will be playing during the competition and some people in the audience will be selected for haircuts. Three judges will select the winners in each category.

"All the educators are my friends," Ralston said. "I think now is a good time for this event." He opened his first shop on Frederica Street in 2016 and one on Kentucky 54 on March 1 last year. "Business has been great," Ralston said. "We're looking to add more barbers." He said earlier that he worked at Headquarters Barbershop for two years and built up a good clientele before going out on his own. Where did the name of the shops originate? Ralston said earlier, "We were having a hard

time coming up with a name that we really liked. One day my clutch was squeaking and I was screaming at it. I had used WD-40 and it was still squeaking. Then, I started thinking about the word 'clutch,' how we use it when an athlete comes through in a clutch and wins." He said then, "We're there for you in a clutch. If you have something important coming up, we'll clean you up and get you ready."

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## BURGER

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vitamin B. People will be able to download bingo cards on owensboroburgerweek.com They have squares that say things like "drink water instead of soda," "practice kindness toward your server and others" and "grab lunch with an old friend." Once people complete five in a row, they can take the card to the Healthpark for a free coffee travel mug filled with coffee. And they'll be entered in a drawing for prizes including Visit Owensboro shirts, Visit Owensboro mugs, BBQ & Barrels tickets, a one-month membership at the Healthpark, a 30-minute massage, a 25-minute personal training session and a body stat analysis. People will again have a chance to vote for their favorite burger in the German American Bank People's Choice competition.

Kirk said one restaurant still hasn't submitted information about its burger. The list of those who have includes: Beef 'O' Brady's the Godfather, Between The Buns' The Jewell, Big Dipper's Crunchy Jalapeño Chili Cheeseburger, Burger Theory's Sweet Chili Shrimp Burger, The Cottage's Kurdtucky Burger, Crowes Nest Food Truck's Asian Persuasion, Curbside Kitchenette Food Truck's The Black & Blue Burger, Dee's Diner's The Glazed & Confused, Donato's Cowzone, Don Mario's Philly Fiesta Burger. Drake's The Steakhouse Burger, East Coast Eats Food Truck's The Chico Burger, Firehouse 29 BBQ & More Food Truck's The Dozer, Frog-town Foods Food Truck The Bourbon Bullfrog, Gary's Drive-In's The Iracane, Gene's Health Food's Focaccia Garden Party, Goodwood's Kickin' Pimento Burger, IHOP's Jalapeno Kick, J's Good Grub's Your Daddy Loves

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House's The Sarah'Nator and Wonder Whip's The Pepper Upper Burger.

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