

January 2020

Meetings are held at Smoke 'n Pit Bar-B-Que, 1641 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, located on Rte 41 (Bus) between Pine Island Rd (SR78) & the Edison Bridge. First Tuesday of every month, at 4:30



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The December meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 11 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Schrade Walden Razor Knife and a American Rodeo Knife. Frank Fulton won the Razor Knife and the Rodeo Knife went to Barbara Philibert. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$30.00 went to Russell Smegal who donated the money back to the club. Congratulations to all the winners, you too can be a winner of our monthly door prizes, 50/50 and/or raffles just simply attend one of your monthly FMKC club meetings. The **Best Special** knife for the month was won by Bill Cyphert for his ZT 170.

Next meeting Date: 7th of January - Free Door Prizes Drawing.

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

January's Feature Knife will be your best:

Custom Made Straight Knife.

Bring your best to win a Prize

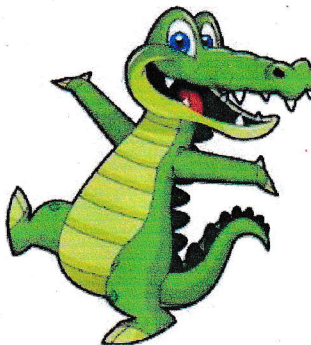
Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOWS - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Jan 4-5 Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Jan 11-12 Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Jan 18-19 Lakeland - Central Florida Arms Show (AKA Gun & Pistol) - Sun & Fun Expo
Jan 25-26 Ft Myers - Gun, Knife, Civil War Show - Araba Shrine Temple
Jan 25-26 Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Bradenton Area Conv. Center
Jan 31-Feb 2 **Lakeland - 42nd Gator Cutlery Club Show - RP Funding Center**
✓ ***(DO NOT MISS THIS KNIFE SHOW - SEE YOU THERE)***

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2020 are due. In order to maintain all privileges of the club you need to fulfill this requirement. The Annual Dues are \$10.00 or you may consider becoming a Life Member, this a one-time fee of \$75.00. If you are unsure that your dues are paid for 2020 please contact the club secretary at 239.233.5611 or e-mail: rsmegal@comcast.net. You may pay your dues at any upcoming club meeting or submit payment to the club's address: FMKC, PO Box 706, St James City, FL 33956-0706. Checks will be accepted, however all checks must be endorsed to **RUSSELL SMEGAL**. Any other endorsement will result in return of your check. Sorry..



**RP Funding Center
(formerly
Lakeland Center
Lakeland, Florida**

HOURS

Fri: 10 AM to 5 PM

Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM

Sun: 9 AM to 3 PM

**42nd Annual Gator Cutlery Club
Custom, Modern & Antique Knife Show**

Jan 31, Feb 1 & 2, 2020



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



History of the Karambit

Karambits are believed to have originated in Indonesia during the 11th century. According to ancient folklore, the karambit was said to be inspired by the claws of cats like the tiger. The karambit design began to spread throughout Asia in countries known today as Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Like many other styles of knives, the karambit was introduced as a fixed blade. The karambit was made to assist farmers with raking and cutting plants and weeds, and only started to be used as a weapon because of groups invading the farmers' land. Different cultures started picking up the design and implementing the long, fixed blade battlefield karambit.

It's said that when ancient fighters would use karambits as weapons they would coat the blade in potent poison from spiders, snakes, frogs, and scorpions. This allowed shallow cuts to be very deadly in battle. The personal karambit, a smaller version of a battlefield or combat karambit, was then born and often utilized these deadly toxins.

The modern versions of the karambit are much different from the agricultural tool it once was. Karambits today are made of various materials, usually steel, and can have either a folding or fixed blade.



FOLDER



FIXED BLADE



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