

October 2012

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 September 2012 meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 12 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a CRKT Ignitor T and a Smith & Wesson Lockback. The winner of the CRKT was Jim McDonnell and the Smith & Wesson went to James Slaasted. The 50/50 drawing netted Marty Elmore \$30.00 this month. 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.

This month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE was for your best **Boker Folder**. The winner was James Slaasted for his Red Bone Boker Trapper. The BEST SPECIAL KNIFE for October is: Your Best **Official Boy Scout Knife**. So bring your favorite Boy Scout knife to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

Next meeting Date: October 2nd – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
September's Best Special Feature Knife is : Boy Scout Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW – GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Oct 6-7	Lakeland - Florida Knife Knifemakers Show - Lakeland Center
Oct 6-7	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Oct 13-14	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena
Oct 13-14	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Oct 20-21	Tampa - Sun Coast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds



KNIFEMAKER - TERRY LEE RENNER

IMAGE - SHARPBYS.COOP.COM

Acorn and Oak Leaves Bowie

Currently featured in the Nov 2012 issue of Tactical Knives Magazine (pg 50).

From award winning knifemaker Terry Renner, "The Acorn & Oak Leaves Bowie". 1/4" thick, 12" long 1095 carbon steel blade with hamon (differential heat treating). Hand chiseled and engraved acorns and oak leaf tableau. 18-1/4" overall. Super deluxe popcorn stag handle, remelted statutory bronze hand sculpted guard, fancy carved ferules, and pommel. Stainless acorns. Completely made by hand. The fit, finish and balance are superb! \$4,200.

Come & See Terry at the Florida Knife Makers Show, Oct. 6-7 at the Lakeland Center.



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



How to Spot a Counterfeit Knife

Extracted from the Internet

If you're a passionate knife collector, there's nothing worse than realizing that you've purchased a forged or counterfeit knife. Unfortunately, the counterfeit knife business is quite lucrative, as forged products can be made for as little as \$5-\$10 and then sold to unsuspecting buyers for as much as \$250. Here are some tips to avoid buying counterfeit knives.

If it looks too good to be true, it probably is ! Why would someone sell a \$200 knife for \$20? They're either out of their mind or they are selling a forgery. Don't be sucked in by cheap prices and convince yourself that you're getting a deal. By simply going to a vendor's website, you can find out the list price of their knives. If a knife is suspiciously cheap, it's a warning sign that it's probably a fraud.

Avoid vendors without established credibility ! Would you deposit money in a bank that you had never heard of? Probably not, which is why you shouldn't buy knives from online vendors without established credibility. If you're visiting a knife e-commerce store, check the testimonials and search the web to see what sort of interactions customers have had. If you're buying through eBay or another auction site, check the seller's feedback score to make sure they're legitimate.

Watch out for fake tactical knives ! What are the most frequently forged knives? They are tactical knives, which, not surprisingly, are also some of the more expensive. Knife brands like Cold Steel, Dark Ops, Smith & Wesson and others are popular targets for forgery. Almost every highly-recognizable knife brand has counterfeit versions made in Asia, which is why it's crucial that you're cautious when buying.

Do your homework and examine the knife closely ! There are a wide variety of knife guides available, which can prevent you from purchasing a forged knife. However, fakes look identical in appearance to real knives. This is why examining the craftsmanship of knives is important when trying to recognize a fake. You'll want to examine the knife up close, most likely under a microscope. Weigh and measure the knife to make sure its dimensions match up with the specifications the manufacturer lists.

Buy a knife, not a story ! One of the telltale signs that a knife seller might be trying to pull the wool over your eyes is if he or she attempts to make up grand stories about who has used knife or where it comes from. If a knife seller tells you the Bowie knife they're pushing on you was carried by Bowie himself, it wasn't. Watch out for tall tales, because they are signs that the vendor is trying to distract you.

Bring in an expert ! Any legitimate knife vendor won't object if you bring in an independent expert to inspect their wares. If you're going to make a hefty knife purchase, it makes sense to have an experienced knife collector take a second look.



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