

October 2014

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

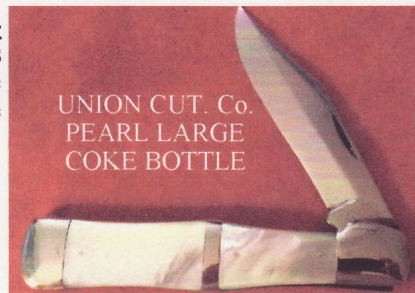


Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The September meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 11 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Steel Warrior Skinner and a Sinclair Sharp Card. The winner of the Steel Warrior was Aida Wrona and the Sinclair went to Don Horton. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$20 was won by Don Horton. 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 the best **Non-Custom Pearl Knife**. The winner was Russ Smegal for his **UNION CUT. Pearl Coke Bottle** (see Pic). The Best Special knife for October is: The best **Custom Made Folder**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

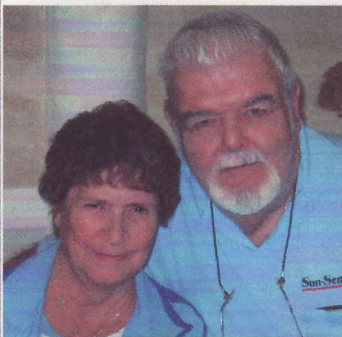
Next meeting Date: October 7th - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share
October's Best Special Feature Knife is : Custom Made Folder.
Bring your best to win a Prize



Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Oct 4-5	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
Oct 11-12	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Oct 11-12	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Oct 11-12	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialist - South Florida Fairgrounds
Oct 18-19	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Oct 25-26	Ft Pierce - Suncoast Gun Show - Havert L. Fenn Center
Oct 25-26	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena



Long Time Knife Collector & Dealer Dies:

This is to inform members that **Bob Blanchette**, Life Member of the FMKC passed away earlier this month. Bob was a expert in all facets of the gun & knife business. Along with his wife (Dora), he was a mentor to all that knew him. He supported many knife clubs in Florida, including our own. He will be greatly missed by the collecting world.



EDITOR'S COMMENT: It has come to my attention that the attendance for the monthly meetings have been sparse lately. In order to maintain the status of the club we need to improve our attendance. As a club we need to support it by attending the monthly meetings. Try to take one evening out of your busy schedule and come to your club meeting. The first Tuesday of each month 4:30 PM at the **Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Que**. Good eats, bring some knives to show, trade or sell. Join in on the fun.....



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



When Colonial created its first pocket knife in 1926, they knew it would become an industry standard. Today, Colonial is proud to manufacture the highest quality in precision cutlery that can only come from nearly a century of knife making experience. That's why Colonial is able to offer a lifetime warranty on all its products. Today, Colonial continues to push everyone its manufacturing boundaries, though the use of innovative technologies and breakthrough metal research which requires a powerful position along with creative thinking. It's the perfect confluence of art and science-the kind of performance you'll find at Colonial, and the type of "pushing the envelope" that has made Colonial an industry leader.

Colonial Knife manufactures military knives, law enforcement-Tuff Cop™ knives, fire/rescue and marine/sailors knives plus electrical Electricals knives, hunters and rock and ice climbing knives. Colonial Knife Corp also engineered the automatic knife, switch blade, military collector's knife-Mark 1 navy deck knife, paratrooper knife, marlin spike knives and the Roper Knives™, assisted opening Quick Flick Knives™, known as Cowboy Up™ knives, Tuckerman Ravine Knives™ and the J Hook Rescue Tool, or J knife, are made for the professional. Colonial also manufactures the MC-1 Survival Pocket Knife. All Colonial knives come with a life time warranty against defects in material and craftsmanship.

Colonial Knife was incorporated in 1926 by the Paolantonio brothers; Antonio, Domenic, Fredrick. Prior to the three brothers forming Colonial Knife, they each worked in other occupations which would hone their skills as manufactures and businessmen.

During the next 70 years Colonial Knife grew adding new products. The 1950's inspired such brand names as the *Sure Snap* (auto knife) along with the *Cub Hunter* and *Rin Tin Tin* series and other well know styles of knives that would earn the Colonial brand a reputation as "a boy's first knife".

The 1970's saw the introduction of a number of better quality brands for Colonial such as the *Ranger* series, *Master Brand*, *Swiss Master*, and *Old Cutler* series. Each of these new series helped to increase demand for the Colonial brand throughout the United States.

The 1980's and 90's brought a new type of business to Colonial, the "private label" customer. These include Smith & Wesson, Colt, Winchester, John Russell Barlow and the riders of the silver screen with such names as Tom Mix, Roy Rogers, Hop along Cassidy, Daniel Boone, Elvis Presley, commemorative knives and Ultra Blade series and the Sharp brand (K-mart).

In 2001, some of the employees of the former Colonial Knife started Colonial Cutlery international (CCI) and began manufacturing the M-724 Switchblades and the J-316 for the military. This new interest in the Colonial brand led to additional customers such as the *Boy Scouts of America*, *Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.*, *Cooper Tools*, *Stanley Works*, *Ideal Industries*, and the *General Service Administration (G.S.A.)*.

NOTICE: Receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. Contact the club secretary, Russ Smegal at: rsmegal@comcast.net By doing this you will save the club the newsletter mailing cost.



Display Cards

* These cards are as rare and especially with original knives on them, plus the fact that it would be nearly impossible to find a truly Mint set since you're dealing with several knives plus the card, prompted me to make an exception and list their values as Near Mint. If you had a truly Mint set there are many collectors who would pay much more than the values that I have listed here.

SHUR-SNAP display card from the 1960s has 12 original Kotjack knives held in place by an elastic cord. Near Mint value with knives: \$4,000* Mint card empty: \$400



SHUR-SNAP display card from the 1960s has six original Jumbo Jack knives held in place by an elastic cord. Although this is not the display card that came with the Jumbo Jack knives, it is an original SHUR-SNAP display card and retailers in the 1960s often raised the display cards as it is quite possible that this card is just as it was when taken off the shelf in 1960. Near Mint value with knives: \$2,560* Mint card empty: \$400



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SHUR-SNAP display card from the 1960s has 12 original fistful and hunter knives held in place by an elastic cord. These knives, though all near mint and authentic, weren't likely together in the 1960s since they are all different and represent three different time periods in production. I thought it would be interesting to show the subtle variations by putting them together on the display card. Near Mint value with knives: \$3,200* Mint card empty: \$100