

December 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 November 2012 meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 11 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Case XX NASCAR Knife and a Smith & Wesson lockback. The winner of the Case knife was Ken Rabedeau and the S&M lockback went to Vincent Panettieri. The 50/50 drawing netted Bill Cyphert \$25.00 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 American Made Switchblade. The winner was Bill Cyphert for his sterling silver Fly Lock made by Schrade. The **BEST SPECIAL KNIFE** for December is your: Best Miniature (under 1 1/2"). So bring your favorite miniature to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

Next meeting Date: December 4th – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
December's Best Special Feature Knife is : Miniature knife (under 1 1/2" long)
Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

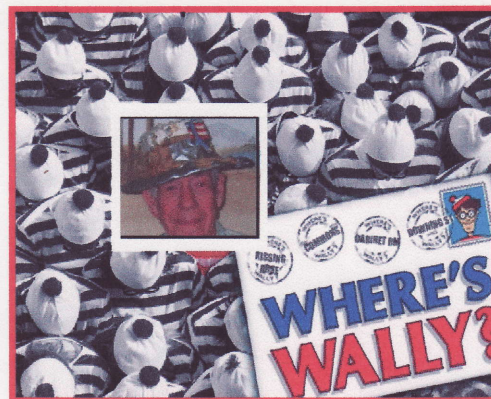
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW – GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Dec 1-2	Cape Coral - Cape Coral Gun Show - German American Club - Pine Island Road
Dec 1-2	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Dec 8-9	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
Dec 15-16	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Roberts Arena
Dec 15-16	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Dec 22-23	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife - Charlotte County Fairgrounds

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2013 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 is a one-time fee of \$75.00. If you are unsure that are paid for 2013 please contact the club secretary at: 239.283.7253 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 excepted, however, because of club's current banking requirement all checks must be endorsed to RUSSELL SMEGAL. Any other endorsement will result in return of your check. Sorry..

Has Anyone Seen This Man ??



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com



FMKC NEWSLETTER



What does new, used, vintage, antique and rare knives mean?

Extracted from Cutlers Cove Website

New knives: Never sold to a customer and never used. New as shipped by the manufacturer or distributor with all original packing (box, sheath, etc.) and instructions. Knives or any merchandise sold as "New" must be eligible for full warranty service from the officially authorized importer, distributor, or factory in the USA. New is what most knife stores and knife websites sell and they are generally current production knives.

Used knives: Any knife that has been owned by a customer, even if it is like new. Used knives may not have the sheath, accessories or box that they came with. They vary in condition, from like new to completely worn out. By this definition most knives are used, including vintage and antique.

Vintage knives: Knives made after World War II (1945), but not still in production. They are no longer made. A vintage knife will usually be higher in cost than when it was originally produced, but many times it will not cost any more than a similar made knife today if you can find one.

Antique knives or Old knives: Any knife made before World War II (1945).

Rare knives: A very uncommon knife, unusually great, unusually excellent, admirable, fine. Very hard to come by or find. Not many knives are rare as most can be found if you are willing to pay the price and take the time to look. We feel the word rare is over used today by too many when they describe their knife. There is a difference between uncommon and a truly rare knife. A good way to look at this is the difference between [Pristine Mint](#) and [Mint](#). Both are not common but to a different degree.

Pristine Mint: The coin world would call this MS-63-65, the ultimate in quality and condition—not just mint, but mint plus something, good fit, no specks on a very old knife, etc. Suffice to say there are very, very few of these out there. Perfect plus.

Mint: The standard mint, unsharpened, never used, and never carried extensively.

Revision: Almost any knife made prior to World War II is going to have some rust specks here and there. If you only wait for mint New York Knife Company knives with no rust specks, for instance, you are going to get very few. Some knives that were mint in 1970 have now been in storage for over 30 years—and they are starting to show some neglect spots here and there as well. I look for this to get worse in the future, since few collectors pay the attention they should to the maintenance of knives in their collection—and at that point the value of even rarer pristine mint knives will increase. Important exception: Case knives still must have no rust to be mint. An old Case knife with a rust speck is not a mint knife. Case collectors are stricter in their grading than other knife collectors.

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.*