

December 2013

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 meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Meyerco Neck knife and 1979 Dale Earnhardt rookie knife. The winner of the neck knife was Jim Roberts and the Earnhardt knife was won by Jim McDonnell. The 50/50 drawing of \$30.00 went to Ken Rabedeau. 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.

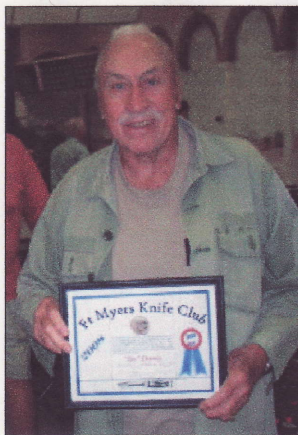
This month's **BEST SPECIAL KNIFE** was for the best Tactical folder. The winner was Marvin Franz for his Microtech Light-Foot. The Best knife for December is: The best **Case XX 10-Dot (either 1970 or 1980)**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

*Next meeting Date: December 3rd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
December's Best Special Feature Knife is : Case XX 10-Dot (1970 or 1980)*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Nov 30-Dec 1	Ft Myers - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Harborside Event Center (<i>New Show</i>)
Nov 30-Dec 1	Ft Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Nov 30-Dec 1	Orlando - Orlando Florida Gun Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Dec 7-8	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Dec 7-8	Cape Coral - LCGC Gun & Knife Show - German American Club Pine Island Rd
Dec 14-15	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee County Civic Center
Dec 21-22	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Area
Dec 21-22	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Dec 28-29	LaBelle - LCGC Gun & Knife Show - LaBelle Civic Center SR 80



Omer (Doc) Denny
Dec 1922- Nov 2013

90 YEAR OLD CHARTER MEMBER PASSES

A special FMKC Award was presented to "Doc" Denny in 2007, the award read as follows:

This Award is presented to an most deserving individual that has promoted the hobby of knife collecting for many years. As an Charter Member and former Officer of the Ft. Myers Knife Club (FMKC) he has given his time and effort to make this club what it is today. His many knife donations to the club during his membership greatly enhances the hobby and promotes good fellowship.



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com



FMKC NEWSLETTER



W.R. Case & Sons Knives

W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company is an American manufacturer of traditional pocketknives, fixed blades/sporting knives, limited edition commemoratives and collectibles. The company originated in Little Valley, New York around the turn of the 20th century before relocating to its current home, Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1905. The company's namesake, William Russell Case, first made knives with his brothers under the name, Case Brothers Cutlery Company. His son, John Russell ("Russ") Case, worked as a salesman for his father's company before founding W.R. Case & Sons

Case Knife History

The company's roots extend back to 1889, when the Case brothers – William Russell (W.R.), Jean, John and Andrew Case, formerly of the Cattaraugus Cutlery Company – began selling cutlery from the back of a wagon in various small western New York villages. In January 1900, the brothers incorporated to form Case Brothers Cutlery Company.

John Russell Case, who named the company after his father, William Russell ("W.R."), formed W.R. Case & Sons as it is known today. By the time the company moved to Bradford, PA in 1905, the four Case brothers had established their brands.

Beginning with World War I, Case has made military knives for U.S. servicemen and women including the USMC's Ka-bar knife and the V-42 Stiletto for the Devil's Brigade. During the 1965 flight of the "Molly Brown," astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young used special Case knives on a NASA space mission.

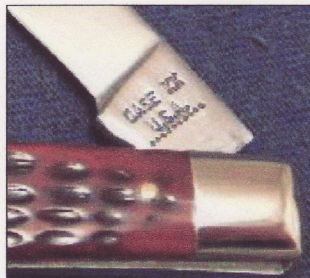
The Case Company is currently owned by Zippo Manufacturing Company, another business based in Bradford.

Case knives are made with blades stamped from domestic steel and hardened using proprietary heat treatment methods. Knife handles are shaped using a variety of natural materials like Brazilian cattle bone, genuine India Stag, Buffalo horn, ancient Mammoth Ivory, Mother-of-Pearl, exotic hardwoods and precious stones. Brass, nickel, and silver metals are used to make the knives' other component parts.

Many people collect Case knives as a hobby. This practice arose from the unique tang stamp dating systems employed by the company beginning in the late 19th century (*Example Below*). Today's Case Collectors Club is made up of 18,000 members.

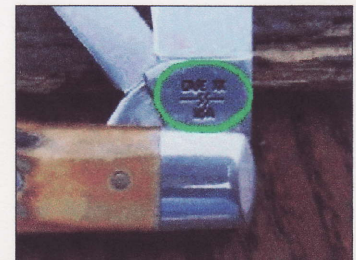
Case XX USA 1970-1979

**10 Dots were introduced on the tang and
1 dot removed for each year after 1970**



Case XX USA 10 Dot 1980 Lightning S

**For 1980, Case changed the "s" in Case to a "Lightning s"
and put the Dots between Case XX and USA**



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