

December 2018

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 16 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Colonial Swiss Master and a Buck Shot Folder. Fred Harrington won the Swiss Master and the American Blade went to Coy Baughman III. This month's 50/50 drawing of \$32 went to Dixie Smegal, she then donated her winnings 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 your **Best Tactical Folder**. The winner was Bill Cyphert for his Micro-Tech knock off.

Next meeting Date: Dec 4th - Free Door Prizes Drawing

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

December's Feature Knife is : Factory Engraved and/or Etched Folder.

Bring your best to win a Prize

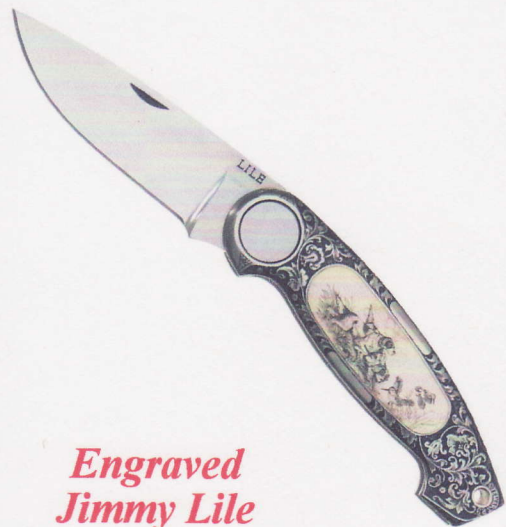
Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Dec 1-2	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
Dec 8-9	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Bradenton Conv. Center
Dec 15-16	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Dec 15-16	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Dec 22-23	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2019 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 2019 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..



***Engraved
Jimmy Lile
Folder***



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



A. G. Russell Dies

A. G. Russell (August 27, 1933 – October 12, 2018) was born in [Eudora, Arkansas](#) where his great-grandfather taught him how to make knives when he was nine. Russell went on to make knives as a hobby and profession. In 1964, Russell switched his focus to selling Arkansas [whetstones](#) and a year later began selling knives. In 1968 he started the first forum for selling aftermarket knives, the A. G. Russell List of Knives for Immediate Delivery, which later became The Cutting Edge. His mailing list was used as a basis for the first two knife magazines, *Knife World*, and *The American Blade*, now known as [Blade](#). In 1970 he co-founded the Knife Collectors Club and the [Knifemakers' Guild](#), both of which are the oldest continuously functioning organizations of their types.

Russell was the first member of the Knife Digest Cutlery Hall of Fame and produced the first commemorative pocket knife. Russell designed and produced the first linerless pocket knife with all-plastic handles in 1970. In 1975, he designed a unique [boot knife](#) he called the "Sting", a small knife intended for hunting and personal defense. In 1987, he introduced the "A. G. Russell One Hand Knife" which was one of the first production knives to use a blade thumbstud for one-handed opening. In 1988 he was inducted into the Blade Magazine Cutlery Hall of Fame.



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