February 2012

Meetings are held at ABE's Kountry Kitchen, 4921 Palm Beach Blvd, Morse Shores Plaza, 1 mile West of Interstate 75, Exit 141. First Tuesday of every month, at 5:00 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The January 2012 meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 25 members and guests. This meeting was the first at our new location and the members gave good feedback on the food and service. This month's door prizes were a Case XX Tiny Trapper and Zippo Advertising Money Clip. The winner of the Tiny Trapper was Robert Garrett and the Money Clip went to Jim McDonnell. The 50/50 winner's share of \$55 went to new member Jim Niehaus. 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 Award was for the Best Unique knife and of the many entries the winner was Russ Smegal for his <u>bent</u> custom stag handle slip joint. Next month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE will be your <u>Best BUCK Knife (Straight or Folder)</u>. So bring your favorite unique knife to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

Next meeting Date: February 7th – Free Door Prizes Drawing Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members February's Best Special Feature Knife is: Best BUCK Knife

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

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Feb 4-5	Cape Coral - Gun & Knife Show - German American Social Club - Pine Island Rd
Feb 11-12	Bradenton - Bradenton Gun & Knife Show - Bradenton Auditorium
Feb 11-12	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
Feb 11-12	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Feb 18-19	Lakeland - Curio & Relic Arms Show - Lake Mirror Center
Feb 25-26	Fort Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Feb 25-26	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds

Super Show!!

This is the best knife show of the year. Do not miss this one. Knife dealers and makers from all over the country will be showing their wares. The FMKC knife club will be promoting the club throughout the show. We also will be displaying all of our Annual Knives. Show your support by attending the show, see you there!!!





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The Early Years

Colonel Coon Knives were made by Adrain A. Harris, Mr. Harris started making fixed blade knives as a hobby in the 60's, in 1976 he became the only authorized field repairman in the U.S. for Schrade, a few months later he became the only authorized repairman for Kissing Crane and J.A. Henckels in the United States, in 1978 he founded Tennessee Knife Works Inc. in his home town of Columbia, Tenn. and began making Colonel Coon Knives the old style a true bench made or handmade pocket knife, In 1980 he devised his own chemical milling process for custom etching the blades, along with this he developed a packaging process which included a hinged paper box which is still being used today. By offering this packaging system and custom etching to knife dealers this help start the trend of " the commemorative knife " In 1988 he sold his manufacturing processes to W.R Case & Sons and retired.

The Comeback

In 2006, Smokey Mountain Knife Works purchased the Colonel Coon name and the brand was soon reintroduced. The more recent Colonel Coon Knives are factory manufactured models that come out of the Queen factory under license by SMKW.





ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS DUES: Membership dues for 2012 are due effective in January. 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. You can pay at the next meeting or submit payment to the club's address:

FMKC, PO Box 706, St James City, FL 33956-0706.

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.