

February 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 January meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 19 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of Mantis NRA Knife and a Hero Edge LTD Choppers Knife. Russ Smegal won the Mantis NRA Knife and the Hero Edge Knife went to Paul Englund. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$27 went to Bill Cyphert. 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 **Best Large Bowie** (15" OAL or Longer). The winner was Frank Fulton for his Stek Damascus Bowie w/Oosik Handles. The Best Special knife for February is your **Best 3 Blade Whittler w/Split Back Spring**.

*Next meeting Date: Feb 6th - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell
February's Feature Knife is : Best 3 Blade Whittler w/Split Back Spring.*

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Feb 2-4	Lakeland - 40th Annual Gator Cutlery Knife Show - Lakeland Center
Feb 3-4	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Show - Lee County Civic Center
Feb 10-11	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Roberts Arena
Feb 10-11	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Feb 24-25	Arcadia - Great American Arcadia Gun Show - National Guard Armory
Feb 24-25	Tampa - Florida Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2018 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 2018 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..

40th Annual Gator Cutlery Show

**FEB 2nd
FEB 3th
FEB 4rd**



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CENTER**

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THERE !!!**



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



OTF Knives

Out-The-Front, or **OTF knives** are a relatively narrow slice of the market, but they serve a purpose and have gained in popularity with a little help from the mainstream media that continues to put them in the spotlight. Without doubt OTF knives are unique and there are a limited number of OTF brands producing them. Like everything else, there are average models and some truly outstanding OTF examples that I'm here to point out to you.

Best OTF Knives:

- Benchmade Infidel
- Microtech Ultratech
- Hogue OTF
- Asheville Steel Para-X
- Benchmade Precipice
- Protech Dark Angel
- Piranha Rated-X
- Microtech Combat Troodon
- G&G Hawk Deadlock
- MOD/Harkins Triton



For the uninformed, OTF knives are a type of switchblade – that is, an automatic knife which deploys the blade ‘automatically’ on pressing a button or switch. Specifically, the **OTF knife** is a switchblade where the blade simply comes ‘out the front’. Now, the distinction versus Spring Assisted Knives is that with a switchblade or automatic knife the blade’s natural position is open, and it’s being held closed by a locking spring mechanism that’s released with a button or switch. The button allows the stored energy of the spring to propel the blade out from the handle. In contrast, the natural position of the Spring Assisted Knife is closed and there is no pressure being exerted upon the blade which has to be deployed by some manual action (i.e flipping) by the user which is then assisted by a spring.

In general, there are two types of OTF knives: **single action** and **dual action**. Single action means that only the deployment is powered but the blade has to be forced back into the body manually. A dual action OTF means that both the deployment as well as the retraction are powered, usually by pushing and pulling the same control switch in different directions.

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