



FMKC NEWSLETTER

Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The January meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 12 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Kabar 2795 Lockback and a Colonial Master. Tom Hurst won the Kabar and the Colonial Master went to Jim McDonnell. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$20.00 went to Frank Veasley. 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 won by Bill Cyphert for his Chubby Heuske Custom Straight Knife.

Next meeting Date: 4th of February – Free Door Prizes Drawing.

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

February's Feature Knife will be your best: Factory Made Stag Trapper

Bring your best to win a Prize

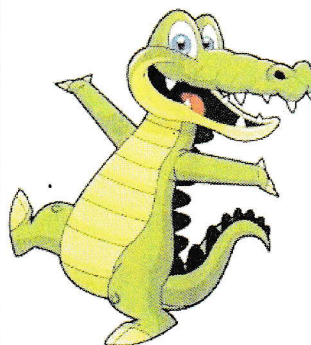
Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Jan 31-Feb 2	Lakeland - 42nd Gator Cutlery Club Show - RP Funding Center
Feb 1-2	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Feb 8-9	Venice - Florida Gun Show Expo - Venice Community Center
Feb 15-16	Naples - Florida Gun Show Expo - Italian American Club
Feb 15-16	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists—South Florida Fairgrounds
Feb 22-23	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairground

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2020 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 2020 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..



**RP Funding Center
(formerly
Lakeland Center
Lakeland, Florida**

HOURS

Fri: 10 AM to 5 PM

Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM

Sun: 9 AM to 3 PM

**42nd Annual Gator Cutlery Club
Custom, Modern & Antique Knife Show**

Jan 31, Feb 1 & 2, 2020



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com



Basic Florida Knife Laws Explained

Florida statutes can be tough to navigate if you're not sure where to look, Below is what Florida law says about knives in everyday English, it includes excerpts from the law as well as case decisions.

What is legal to "own"

Balisong knives are legal
 Belt knives, cane knives, and other disguised knives are legal
 Bowie knives and other large knives are legal
 Throwing stars and throwing knives are legal
 Undetectable knives (knives that will not set off metal detectors) are legal
Ballistic knives are illegal

The law does not limit individuals from owning, selling, or buying any knife except for ballistic knives.

Limits on carry

You can open carry any knife
 Box cutters, multi-tools, and other work knives are legal to carry concealed
 In most cases, conceal carry of a common pocket knife with a blade of less than 4 inches is legal
 Concealed carry of nearly any knife is not allowed without a permit if the blade is over 4" in length
 Anything outside of this is has not been expressly banned or allowed

What the law says

It is a crime to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. Conceal weapon means any deadly weapon that is outside of sight of others. Courts have found that deadly weapons are weapons that can cause death or grave bodily harm. So, what kinds of knives count as deadly weapons? What is a "common pocket knife? Well, the law doesn't say so it is up to the courts to determine.

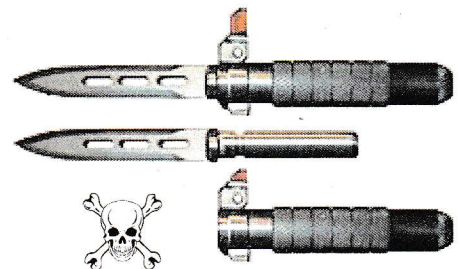
Conclusion on Florida Knife Laws

For the most part, Florida knife laws are easy. You can own any knife as long as I not a ballistic knife and , if you keep your knives at home, you should be fine.. You can also open carry any knife any knife you want. You can conceal carry a knife that is considered a dangerous weapon if you have a permit do so. Typically, you can carry concealed or open, any pocket knife with a blade under 4" as long as your intent is not obviously malicious. Conceal carry of most any knife may or maynot be considered carrying a concealed weapon so watch out.

There are also local laws outside of this so look up the laws in your city as well. Most cities in Florida have clearer guidelines on what is legal and illegal than the state law.

Florida Sta. § 790 06 (2018) Licenses to carry weapon or firearm —

(1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to Issue licenses to carry concealed weapons or concealed firearms to persons Qualified as provided in this section. Each such license must bear a color Photograph of the licensee. For the purposes f this section, concealed Weapons or concealed firearms are defined as a handgun, electronic weapon or device, tear gas gun, knife, or billie...



Ballistic Knife

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