

March 2010

Meetings are held at PERKINS Restaurant, 12300 S. Cleveland Ave. (US41), 2.5 miles South of Edison Mall or 1.2 miles North of Daniels Pkwy (SR865). First Tuesday of every month, 4:30 to 7:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The February meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 22 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Bulldog Doctor's knife and a Rigid USA Stockman. The winner of the Bulldog knife was Dave Masten and Kenneth Napolitano won the Rigid stockman. A 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$35 was Fred Harrington. 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.

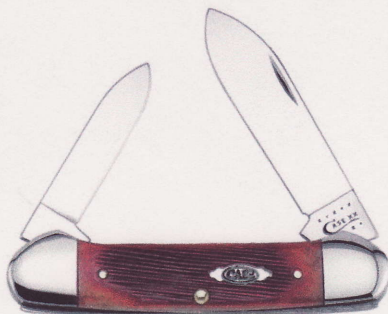
*Next meeting Date: March 2nd – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Mar 6-7	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Mar 13-14	Bradenton - Gun & Knife Show - Bradenton Auditorium
Mar 13-14	Lakeland - Sun Coast Gun Show - Lakeland Civic Center
Mar 13-14	Miami - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Shows - Mahi Shrine
Mar 20-21	Orlando - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Mar 27-28	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Shows - Charlotte County Fairgrounds

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: (Final Notice) Membership dues for 2010 are due now. 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 March meeting or submit payment to the club's address: FMKC, PO Box 706, St James City, FL 33956-0706.



NEW

Case XX Knife Item # 6595
TESTED RED BARNBOARD CANOE
Pattern Number: 62131 SS
Blades: SPEAR AND PEN
Length Closed: 3 5/8"
MFG List: \$84.60

NOTICE: *If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. Contact club secretary, Russ Smegal at: rsmegal@comcast.net*

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: The club has a new URL address for our Web Site. Our resident web site person, Mike Mikutis had to change our old web site. Changes are being made to enhance the site for your usage and enjoyment. Please enter and review the many changes that Mike has made to your Web Site. Remember that you can always view and/or download the latest club newsletters for your use. Any changes that you would like to see made, please ask.



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



CASE KNIFE COLLECTING CAN BECOME AN INCURABLE ADDICTION

Collecting knives is a very fun and interesting hobby. It is also a nice investment when collecting knives from a more prestigious manufacturer like the Case Knife Company. I want to tell you that Case is not the only manufacturer out there that makes a great line of knives ideal for collecting. Case is just a company that I prefer and am a collector myself.

Another thing that I really like about Case knives is the company history. They have been in business since 1889 and their products are made in the United States.

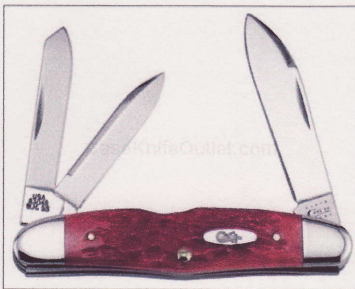
One great thing about knife collecting and I mentioned it earlier is the fact that it is an investment. Now you may not be able to compare knife collecting to day trading stocks, but it is an enjoyable investment and can be done at your own pace. I personally like to add one or two knives a month to my collection and that keeps me interested.

If you will take a look at eBay or some individual sites out there, you will see quite a bit of Case knives floating around. You will also find some very nice collections. Once these knives get some age on them and Case stops producing them, their values tend to go up nicely. You will notice this on eBay especially by doing a search and checking out some of the prices.



If you are a beginner in knife collecting and are thinking about going the Case knife route, there are many ways to begin. My advice to you would be to take your time and research a few things that I will explain as we go. The first thing on the agenda for a beginning collector would be to decide what kind of Case knife you want to start collecting. There are so many out there that diving in can be quite intimidating with all the options available.

Start with choosing a Case knife pattern. There are many of these, but if you choose one you like, you can stick to collecting that pattern for awhile. The pattern will be available in many different handle materials, versions and special editions. A few examples of some well known Case knife patterns are the Trapper, Stockman, Canoe, Whittler, Muskrat, Sowbelly, Peanut, Texas Toothpick, Elephant Toe, Gunstock, Congress, Barlow, Copperhead and there are many more. You could even choose one of the new patterns that come out all of the time to start on. The Russlock is a new one that seems to be favored by collectors.



Another good route to go when collecting is to choose some handle materials that you like and stick with them. You can even focus on a single material and I assure you, there will be plenty of Case knives produced in that material to keep you occupied.

There are so many materials to list but to name a few; Bone, Buffalo Horn, G-10, Mother of Pearl, Herringbone and the list goes on and on.

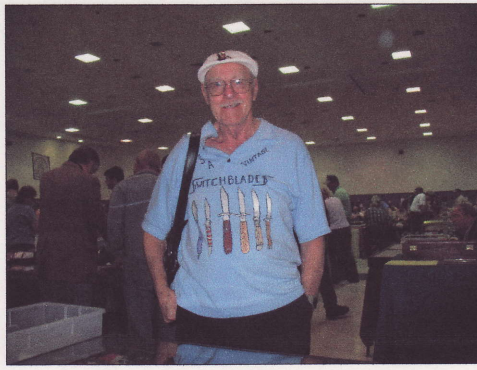
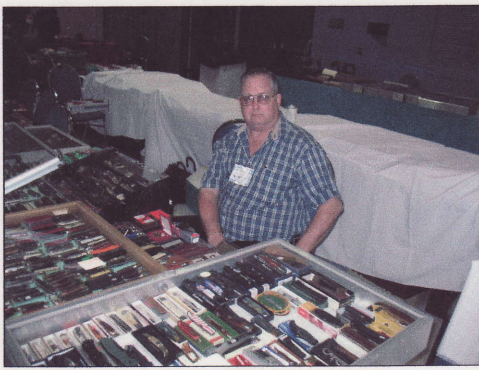
One thing a collector should do is to find a good manner to display his or her Case knife collection. I really like shadow boxes. I will do up a little card, about the size of a business card, to put inside the box next to each knife.

The card will have the knife name, materials, blade type, date produced and the date I purchased it. This makes the display very nice and interesting to view.

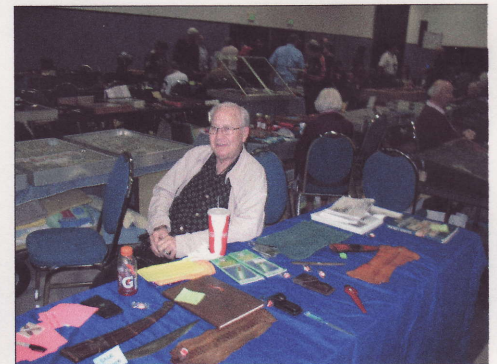
Another really nice thing about Case is their continuing production of knives, especially the special editions. They come out with quite a few like the Johnny Cash series, Silver Eagle Texas Toothpick, the John Wayne series, the Boy Scouts of America series and again, too many to list.

So, dive in and start your collection.

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THE OLD "WOODY" PILE



2010 Gator Show

