

March 2015

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 February meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 21 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Kershaw Crown 3160X and a SARGE Uline Knife. The winner of the Kershaw was Bill Turner and the SARGE knife was won by David Masten. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$47 went to Dixie Smegal. 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** was for the best **CASE XX Knife**. The winner was Russ Smegal for his TESTED Green Bone 2-Blade (See Pic below). The **Best Special knife for March** is for the best folding TACTICAL FIGHTER. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

*Next meeting Date: March 3rd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share
March's Best Special Feature Knife is : Tactical Fighter (Folder).*

Bring your best to win a Prize

(NOTE: View Gator Show Pictures on Page 3)

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Feb 28-Mar 1	Englewood - FBL Venues - VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Rd
Mar 7-8	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Mar 7-8	Naples - FBL Venues - VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way
Mar 14-15	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specials - South Florida Fairgrounds
Mar 14-15	Orlando - Florida Gun Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Mar 21-22	Cape Coral - German American Club - Pine Island Road
Mar 21-22	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Show - Lakeland Center
Mar 28-29	Ft Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Mar 28-29	Ft Myers - Gun, Knife, Civil War & Militaria Show - Araba Shrine Temple

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2015 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 for 2015 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..

**CASE XX Tested
6299 4 1/8" Green Bone**



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www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



Tactical Folding Knives and You

What makes a folding knife *tactical*? Only the marketing department of the knife maker knows for sure. There are hundreds of models because different people shopping for a *tactical* knife have different concepts in mind. The use you have in mind dictates what features you will prefer, because form follows function. Here are suggestions on what features match up with a few common uses for tactical folders.

The Knife Fighter's Knife

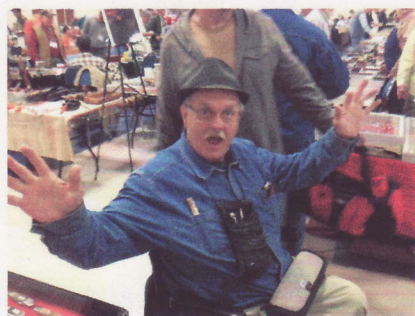
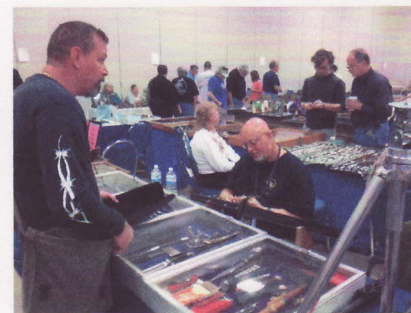
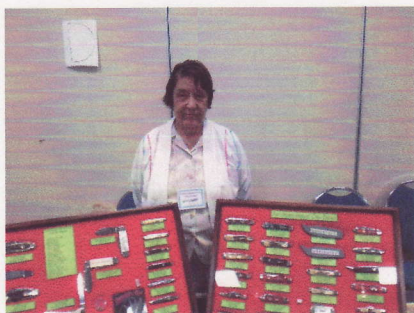
Law-abiding civilians often cannot carry a firearm for personal defense. Whether it's the state of residency or somewhere you want to travel where "weapons" are prohibited such as a hospital or sporting event arena, carrying a pistol is sometimes not an option. What can you do? In many jurisdictions, an ordinary folding knife is exempt from definition as a "weapon", so concealing one on your person violates no laws. Each jurisdiction is different, but a "no switchblades or butterfly knives" rule and a limit on the length of the folding knife's blade is pretty standard. For most of us, it's easy to find some pretty wicked folding knives with short blades that are not considered a weapon under your state's laws. A good defensive knife should be useable whether you are grasping it with the blade facing upwards from your thumb or downwards from the heel of your hand. There is debate over whether a fighting knife should have serrations or not. Serrations are said to cause more traumatic injury to an assailant and be more effective in slashing movements. On the other hand, serrations may catch on bone or thick clothing, making you lose possession of the knife when you need it most. The knife fighter may wish to make his knife as scary looking as possible, to maximize deterrent and hopefully prevent an ugly fight before it starts. Knife fighting is a very nasty thing but in "weapons prohibited" areas it may be the only alternative to fighting empty-handed or using an improvised weapon found at the scene.

The First Responder's Knife

The first responder's knife is a do-it-all work knife, part of their kit that they use at work every day. First responders look for value above all. They don't mind spending more money to get a better product. However, any knife they own is going to get severely abused and potentially lost (or put in the evidence locker while a case is pending). Value is the name of the game. First responders don't really care what a folding knife looks like or what the name on the side says. They do care if it's too bulky or too heavy. They do care if the blade snaps while they are trying to pry a window open as a car fills up with cold water. This knife should have the ability to break automobile glass easily and instantly slice through seat belts. It needs aggressive serrations to saw through rope or even cable quickly in situations where time is life. It needs to be made of excellent steel that holds its edge very well, because this knife is going to see a lot more abuse than care. It needs to be very rust resistant.



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2015 37th Annual Gator Cutlery Club Show

Pictures of Ft Myers Knife Club members that
were Dealers at the Show

As usual it was a great show and
our members were a big part of it.

Can't wait until next year
Hope to see you all there again...