

March 2016

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 14 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a American Blade Lockback and a Sabre 2 Blade Barlow. The winner of the American Blade went to Marvin Franz and the Sabre Barlow went to Ralph Huff. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$20 went to Ralph Huff. 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 March** is for the best: **American Made Straight Knife (Non-Custom)**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

Next meeting Date: Mar 1st - Free Door Prizes Drawing

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share

March's Best Special Feature Knife is : American Made Straight Knife (Non-Custom)

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Mar 5-6	Lakeland - Florida Gun Shows - Lakeland Civic Center
Mar 12-13	Cape Coral - FBL Gun Show - Kiwanis Club, 360 Santa Barbara Blvd
Mar 12-13	Arcadia - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Turner Center, 2250 NE Roan
Mar 12-13	Fort Lauderdale - Florida Gun Shows - War Memorial Auditorium
Mar 19-20	Punta Gorda - FBL Gun Show - American Legion Post 103, Taylor Station Rd
Mar 19-20	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Mar 19-20	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2016 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 2016 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..



Ft Myers Knife Club Display

2016 Gator Cutlery Club Show
January 29-31, 2016



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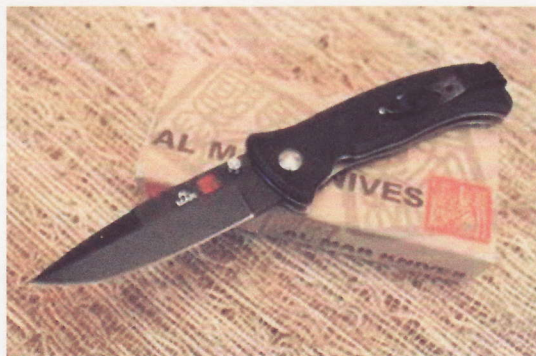
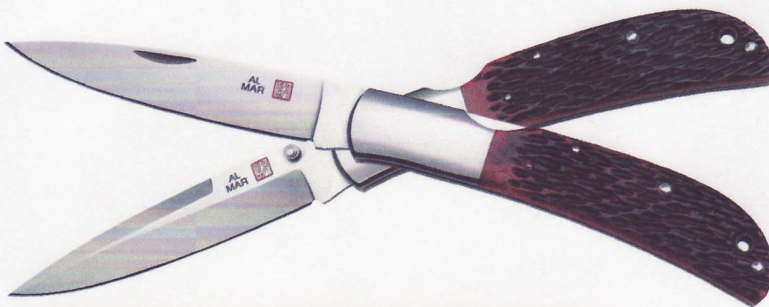
Al Mar Knives

Al Mar Knives is a production knife company headquartered in Tualatin, Oregon, United States. Al Mar Knives was established in 1979 by Al Mar, and has a reputation for making tactical knives of innovative design. While headquartered in the United States, Al Mar Knives are made in Japan.

Al Mar was born in the US, a son of Chinese immigrants. Mar served in a Special Forces Reserve unit and in the late 1950s volunteered to serve in Vietnam with a special project using all-Asian Special Forces soldiers. The project was run from Okinawa where the 1st SFGA had a forward deployed battalion stationed and support assets. Mar was a non-commissioned officer. After serving in the Army, Mar earned a master's degree in industrial design from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. His masters thesis was building and launching a working 2 man submarine, upon graduating he went to work for an industrial design firm in Los Angeles in 1967.

Mar went on to become a packaging designer and eventually the head of knife design for Gerber Legendary Blades in 1968. Gerber's head designer had retired and Pete Gerber gave Mar the task of coming up with an aluminum handle for a kitchen knife. Gerber thought the project was very successful and offered Mar the position of design chief.

With the founding of Al Mar Knives, Mar aimed to blend custom knife quality with mass production methods. Drawing on his experiences as martial artist with black belt rankings in judo and kendo, and his history as a Green Beret, the majority of Al Mar Knives were initially designed for police and military use. However, as the company evolved the designs merged from martial to hunting, fishing, and kitchen knives.



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