

April 2009

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

*Notice:
New
Location*

Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The March meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 36 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Queen Honey Bone Sidelock and (2) Frost Firefighter Knives. The winner of the Queen was Frank Fulton and the Frost knives went to Paul Wenning who graciously donated them back to the club. The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$53.00 was Gary Wrona. 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 was the first meeting held at our new location. Members were able to locate the site easily and the attendance was up from the last meeting. The food service was carried out by the restaurant staff very efficiently. We hope to continue a good working relationship with the Perkins personnel at our new location.

Next meeting Date: April 7th - Free Door Prizes Drawing

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Apr 4-5	Ft Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Apr 4-5	Wanemmacher's Tulsa Arms Show - For Info: www.tulsaarmsshow.com
Apr 18-19	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 18-19	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Apr 25-26	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center
Apr 25-26	Wolverine Knife Collectors Show - Novi, Michigan

The Club still have five (5) of the 2007 Annual Club knives available. The knife is a Bone-Stag Saddlehorn and the cost is \$60.00 each. Contact Russ Smegal for one of these beautiful knives.



NOTICE: Is your newsletter in Black & White, do you receive it via Snail Mail (Post Office)? Did you know that you can get your newsletter with color pictures, quicker delivery time and save the club 42 cents for the postage mailing plus copying fees of 9 cents per copy. It is simple just submit a e-mail requesting that you receive your newsletter via e-mail. When you do, your monthly newsletter will be submitted to you via e-mail in the form of an attached pdf file which you may read, print and save for future viewing by using the FREE software Adobe Reader. This reader software is free to all computer users, simply download and install it in your computer, FREE. Then you can enjoy the monthly newsletter in color and you will be saving the club 51 cents per copy. Send your request today to: rsmegal@comcast.net



Check this website out

FMKC WEB SITE

www.geocities.com/mikegm.geo/knifclub.html

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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Detecting Counterfeit Knives

Article Extracted From The Internet

Unfortunately, there are a few knuckle-heads out there who are eager to make a buck in the knife business by any means necessary. Some might attempt to steal our precious little gems, while others may try to defraud us by selling imitation knives. Many counterfeit knives by modifying existing knives to imitate more valuable pieces. Most of these crooks prey on the beginner and novice collectors, but some counterfeiters are good at what they do and a can sometimes fool a veteran collector.

Reproduction or Counterfeiting is probably the largest problem with knife collecting. Rest assured however, that it is not that big of a problem. There are usually telling signs of an imitation that are obvious if you know what to look for. You can protect yourself by taking a few simple precautions.

Educate Yourself

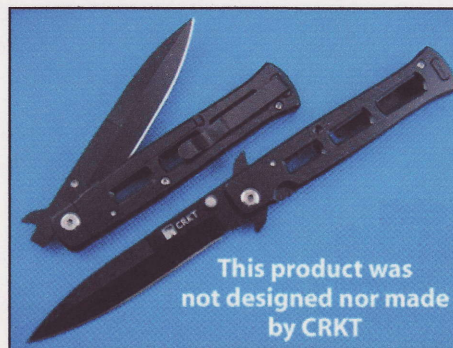
The most important thing that you can do is educate yourself. Before you go off putting much money into knives read a lot about them, talk to other collectors, and ask lots of questions. Buy knife related books!

Closely examine what you are buying. Check for the following:

1. Make sure all parts match. Some counterfeits are made by taking pieces from two or more knives and turning them into one. Look to make sure all of the metal parts have similar age marks. If you find a knife with tarnished, old looking back springs with brand new looking blades for example, you know something is not right.
2. Make sure the tang of the knife is the same width as the back springs. Counterfeiters will often take an old knife and grind away the existing stamp and re-stamp or etch on one of more value. This trick can usually be spotted by comparing the width of the tang with the back springs. If the tang has been ground, it will be thinner than the springs. Some counterfeiters will go the extra length to take the knife apart and grind down the springs to match. Most will not go to this extreme unless it is a very valuable piece. If this is the case, you can match the back spring width with a like pattern knife made by the same manufacturer around the same period.
3. Make sure the pattern number and tang stamp match the knife you are looking at. If you find a knife with a pattern number that indicates that it has bone handles, but you notice that the knife is made with genuine stag, you should stay away from it. This goes along with educating yourself about knives. Learn about pattern numbers and tang stamps from books, this web site, or by talking to other collectors.
4. Make sure the person that you are buying from is reputable. Ask around. Make sure that the dealer is respected and has a sell-back guarantee. Any good dealer will allow you to return a knife if it is not what you thought it was. It is crucial to their reputation.

If there is any doubt in your mind, get a second opinion. There is usually a knowledgeable well respected knife collector or dealer around when you are considering buying a knife. Ask someone you trust if there is anything that you are not certain about.

Pictured is a knife which is a Knockoff that is going around and is not a product of CRKT, Beware.....



FMKC Club Knives/For Sale: Attention all club members that are looking to start a collection of the club's Annual knives or to fill missing gaps in your present collection contact Russ Smegal, I have many of the club knives for sale, including the first FMKC CLUB KNIVES (1984 Case Trapper w/New Grind). I also have some of the 10th and 20th Anniversary knives, plus many of the Annual show Knives. For further information contact me at (239) 283-7253 or e-mail me at: rsmegal@comcast.net.