

April 2011

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 March meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 26 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Smith 3-in-1 Sharpening System w/Buck Knife and a Kershaw 1710 Ace Lockback. The winner of the Sharpening System was Richard Caile and the Kershaw went to Gary Wrona. A 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$47 was Robert Garrett. 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 the BEST SPECIAL KNIFE Contest was for the best Switchblade. Several members brought their best switchblade knife to be judged and the winner was Jim Kelley. Jim's entry was a large bone-handled custom made knife. Next month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE will be your **most famous custom makers knife**. So bring your most famous custom makers knife to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

Next meeting Date: Apr 5th – Free Door Prizes Drawing

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members

April's Best Special Feature Knife is : Most Famous Knife Makers Knife

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Apr 2-3	Cape Coral - German American Club - Pine Island Road
Apr 9-10	Fort Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Apr 16-17	Lakeland - Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club - Lakeland Center
Apr 16-17	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 23-24	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Apr 23-24	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center
Apr 30-May 1	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center

THE HISTORY OF THE KNIFEMAKERS' GUILD: The Knifemakers' Guild traces its early beginning to February 1970 when a gentleman named A.G. Russell secured tables at the Sahara Gun Show in Las Vegas and invited several knifemakers to display knives there. The show proved profitable in many ways, and the knifemakers parted, eager to get together again.

Later that year, eleven knifemakers met in Tulsa, Oklahoma to form the Knifemakers' Guild: John Applebaugh, Walter "Blackie" Collins, John Nelson Cooper, Dan Dennehy, T.M. Dowell, Chubby Hueske, Jon Kirk, R.W. Loveless, John Owens, Jim Pugh, and G.W. Stone. R.W. Loveless was elected Secretary for a year, and A.G. Russell was made Honorary President.

The purposes of the Guild were, and continue to be: to promote custom knives and knifemakers, to assist the knifemaker technically, to encourage ethical and professional business conduct, and to sponsor an annual business meeting and knife show. Today the Knifemakers' Guild has over 300 members for the United States and several foreign countries. Members meet once a year to conduct Guild business, elect officers, and display their work at the annual show. Thousands of collectors, investors, and sportsmen from around the world attend the Knifemakers' Guild Show each year to view and purchase quality, handmade knives and to meet their favorite artists and craftsmen.

(See Page 2 for some Charter Members Pics)



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



A. G. Russell assisting a future knifemaker



Bowie by: John Nelson Cooper



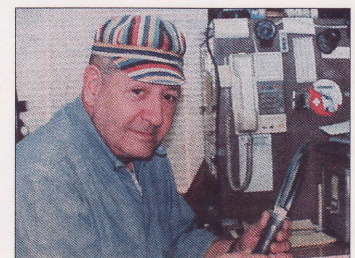
Charter Member: G. W. Stone



Charter Member: Dan Dennehy



Charter Member: Blakie Collins



R. W. Loveless

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