

April 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 March meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance 19 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Case XX Mini-Toothpick and a (12) Knife Wrap. The winner of the Mini-Toothpick went to Richard Mikutis and the knife wrap went to Frank Fulton. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$30 went to Kathy 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.

The winner of the March's Best Knife was Russ Smegal for his Stag Ka-Bar 15" Bowie. The **Best Special knife for April** is for the best: **Engraved Custom Made Folder**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

*Next meeting Date: Apr 5th - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share
April's Best Special Feature Knife is : Engraved Custom Made Folder*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Apr 2-3	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Apr 2-3	Ft Myers - Gun, Knife, Civic War Show - Araba Shrine Temple, Henson St
Apr 16-17	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Apr 16-17	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Apr 23-24	Naples - FBL Gun Show - Italian American Fountain, 7035 Airport Pulling Rd
Apr 23-24	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 30-1 May	Fort Lauderdale - Florida Gun Shows - War Memorial Auditorium

MAKER: ARNO BERNARD
ENGRAVER: FRED HARRINGTON



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



What is a SlipJoint Knife ?

A **slipjoint** knife is one of the most ubiquitous types of pocketknives.

A slipjoint knife consists of a handle with one or more folding blades. These blades are held in position by a strong "backspring" which biases them towards the open or closed position. Contrast this with the penny knife, which has no locking mechanism other than friction, or locking knives which mechanically locks the blade in position.

Legal status

In several countries, such as the United Kingdom, slipjoints are used over locking folders due to laws regarding carrying knives for general use. In Germany, because the use of locking one handed opening (OHO) knives is restricted, slipjoint knives are a viable alternative.

American slipjoint knife variants

The United States produced a massive array of slipjoint knife models from the mid-19th Century to the present day. The following is a list of representative models and their defining features:

- **Peanut**—a very small (3" or less) pocketknife, with a slightly irregular ovaloid shape resembling an elongated peanut. Generally with two blades of different sizes/profiles opening from the same end.
- **Barlow**—a medium-sized pocketknife of tapered oval construction, with one or two blades of different sizes/profiles opening from the same end.
- **Sunfish** or **Elephant's Toenail**—a small pocket knife with a very wide body usually having two blades one of which has the same wide body as the handle. The blades usually open from either end.
- **Congress**—a small pocket knife with shallow concave back and shallow convex top. Usually carries four blades opening at opposite ends.
- **Sowbelly** or **Stockman knife**—a medium sized pocket knife 3" to 4" with bend in the body. Usually carries three blades with two clip points and a spey blade being a common configuration. Blades usually open from both ends.
- **Canoe**—a medium sized knife 3" to 4", rather wide with a slight curve. Generally with one large and one small blade at opposite ends.
- **Trapper**—a medium sized pocket knife with a rounded end and which tapers slightly towards the knife end. Usually carries two blades with a clip point and a spey blade being a common configuration. Both blades open from the same end.

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