

April 2018

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 of 16 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Trophy Stag Hunting Knife and a Berkley Filet Knife. Robert Garret won the Trophy Hunting Knife and the Berkley Filet Knife went to Jerry Miller. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$25 went to Renate Taylor. 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.

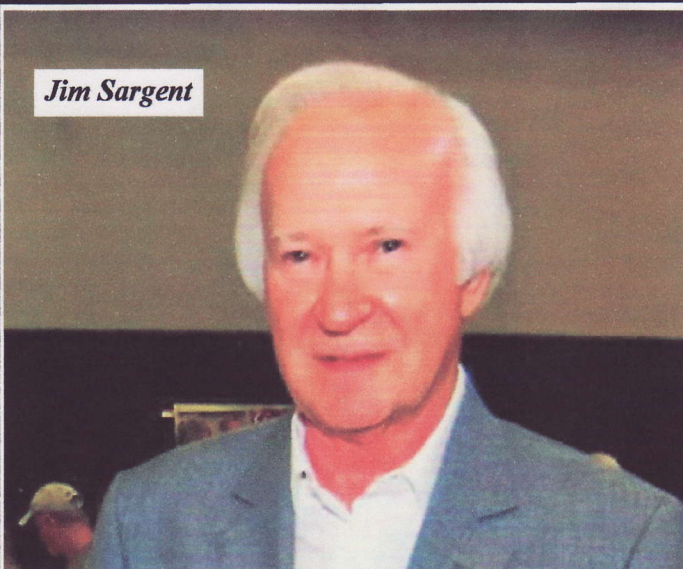
The **Best Special** knife for the month was your best **Best Abalone Folder**. The winner was Renate Taylor for her Kalfayan Double Edge Folding Dagger. The Best Special knife for April is your **Best American made Doctor's Knife w/Spatula**.

Next meeting Date: Apr 3rd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell
April's Feature Knife is : Best American made Doctor's Knife w/Spatula.
Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Apr 7-8	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Bradenton Conv. Center
Apr 14-15	Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Gun Show - Lakeland Center
Apr 14-15	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Apr 21-22	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 21-22	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds



Jim Sargent

Jim Sargent, long-time antique pocket-knife dealer and knife retailer, passed away, Feb. 11. Along with his wife, Jean, Jim founded J. Sargent Co. in 1968. Today, known as [Sarco Pocket Knives](#) and based in Florence, Alabama, the company specializes in new knives, antique knives, reference guides and imported knives from around the world.

Jim authored eight knife books, including several editions of the [American Premium Guide to Knives & Razors](#), and articles on antique and collectible cutlery. He was past president of the National Knife Collectors Association and served on the NKCA's board of directors. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the National Knife Museum in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

A True Gentleman in the Knife Community - He Will Be Missed



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



How to Choose a Knife For Everyday Carry (EDC)

Written by Timothy Martinez Jr.

Picking out the knife you want to carry every day is a difficult decision with no real right or wrong answer. If you were to ask 100 people what kind of knife they're currently carrying, you'd likely get 100 different answers. And that's what makes it so hard. It's really a matter of preference.

Still the knife you carry every day, or your EDC knife as it is more commonly called, must be strong enough to tackle any task from the mundane to the disastrous and versatile enough to cut twine one minute and save someone's life the next.

While many aspects of which EDC you decide to settle on will be personal preference, we've broken down some of the most important things you should consider when choosing your EDC knife.

Figure out the purpose of your EDC

The first thing you should consider is what you want your knife to be able to do. The best types of EDC knives are able to do just about everything, but there are some things a small serrated blade will be able to do better than a large straight-edge blade. Think about everything you typically use a blade for. If you live on a farm, you might use your EDC to open bales of hay or cut thick pieces of rope. If you work in an office, you might use your EDC mainly to open letters. Once you compile a list of everything you will use your knife for, you'll be able to decide the type of edge and point that works best.

Decide on an opening mechanism

One of the most important aspects of an EDC knife is how quickly and comfortably you can open the blade. Whether you're in a pinch and need to get yourself out of a jammed seat belt or want to cut twine more efficiently, the type of opening system matters. Two-handed opening systems require you to hold the knife with one hand and open it with the other. A one-handed opening blade usually has a thumb stud on it. Assisted-opening knives spring open when pressure is applied to a thumb stud with one hand. Many people prefer assisted-opening systems on their EDC knives because it allows for quick and easy access.

Be aware of the size and weight

A good EDC is something reasonable enough to carry on a daily basis. That means if you decide on a massive knife as your EDC, you'd better be prepared to lug it around because a knife that's out of arm's reach is not effective. On the flip side, a small blade can sometimes be ineffective for certain tasks. There's no right or wrong length, but a good EDC blade length is roughly 3 inches, give or take. If you do opt for a larger EDC, it brings us to the next point.

Know your local knife laws

Just because an EDC fits all your criteria doesn't mean it's legal to carry all the time. Depending on where you live, there may be knife laws banning the carry of certain knives with a blade more than a certain number of inches. In other states, you may be required to have a concealed weapons permit to carry a fixed blade knife. After you check the legality of the knife against your laws, you'll be able to carry your EDC without worrying about getting hassled by law enforcement.

(Extracted from the Internet)



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EDC EXAMPLES



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