

April 2019

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 11 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Pearl Rough Rider Stockman and a Colonial Swiss Master. Jim McDonnell won the Swiss Master and the Rough Rider Pearl went to Ray Orlemanski. This month's 50/50 drawing of \$20 went to Jim McDonnell. 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 **Butterfly Knife**, the winner was Tom Hurst. (see pic below)

Next meeting Date: Apr 2nd 2019 – Free Door Prizes Drawing

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

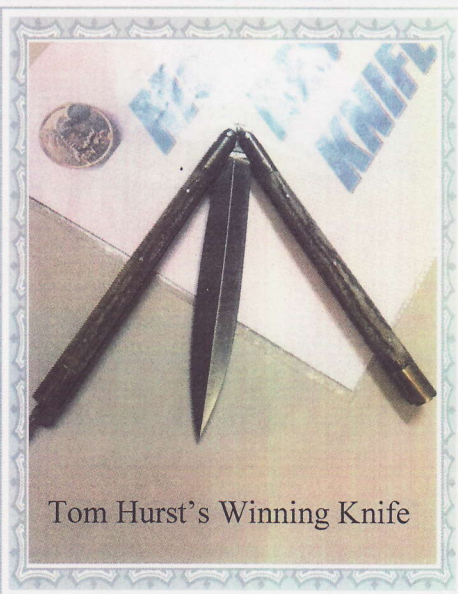
April's Feature Knife will be your best knife German Made Pearl Canoe Knife.

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Apr 6-7	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Apr 13-14	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 20-21	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Apr 27-28	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Apr 27-28	Miami - Florida Gun Shows - Miami-Dade Fairgrounds



Tom Hurst's Winning Knife

Fight'n Rooster Pearl 4 Blade Canoe



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



What Exactly Is A Tactical Knife?

Extracted From A BLADE Magazine Article..

A Brief History the Tactical Knife

The term "[tactical knife](#)" was coined in the mid-1990s to define a look with certain characteristics. Regarding fixed blades, the characteristics included a non-reflective blade coupled with either no guard or one of stainless steel. Some still use brass and others incorporate titanium for guards, while some use black zirconium. Currently, zirconium's price deters both makers and collectors. If the price comes down you can expect to see more zirconium for guards. Handle materials should be synthetics, including but not limited to Micarta®, G-10 and carbon fiber. However, these three are far and away the most popular handle materials on today's custom tactical fixed blades.

Over the past century grip materials have evolved from wood, leather washers and even cast brass and aluminum to the current synthetics. In the mid '90s, primarily Micarta was used. Linen, paper and rag Micarta were the staples of the day. G-10 then came along, offering more colors and configurations. Over the past five years carbon fiber has increasingly become a handle material of choice.

The non-reflective blade was accomplished through several methods, the most common being a belt satin finish. As the name implies the finish was applied simply by using a sanding belt. This gave the blade a good-looking surface that was not reflective.

Key Tactical Knife Feature: Non-Reflective Finish

Another method was sand blasting. While providing a non-reflective finish, this technique had a problem. The sand created micro pits in the steel. The pits held moisture, leading to blade rust. That led to replacing the sand with silicon glass beads that did not leave pits and produced a more even, flat-gray, non-reflective finish.

Walter Brend and *BLADE* Magazine [Cutlery Hall-Of-Fame®](#) member Chris Reeve were early proponents of techniques previously used on firearms to blacken their blades/knives. Chris utilized a black Gun-Kote® finish early on, and Chris Reeve Knives still does today. Brend was asked to produce blades with a black finish and he used Parkerizing to do it. Both finishes were/are subject to scratches. The scratches were especially noticeable when the knife was combined with a Kydex sheath.

Today finishes such as those from Cerakote® and other specialty outfits can provide choices not only of color but also of surface designs for your blade.

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