

April 2020

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 12 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a American Blade Stockman and a Valor Pony Knife. Frank Veasley II won the American Blade knife and the Valor Pony went to Fred Harrington. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$25.00 went to Robert Coy Baughman III. 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 won by David Hyre for his file worked Switchblade knife.

NOTE: Next meeting: 7th of April has been cancelled because of the Coronavirus (COVID19) Pandemic...

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Apr 11-12	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Apr 18-19	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 18-19	Cape Coral - Expo Gun & Knife Show - SW Florida Military Museum
Apr 25-26	Naples - Expo Gun & Knife Show - American-Italian Club
Apr 25-26	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds

NOTE: Check for show cancellations on "GUNSHOW TRADER" website...

How to Protect Yourself

Clean your hands often

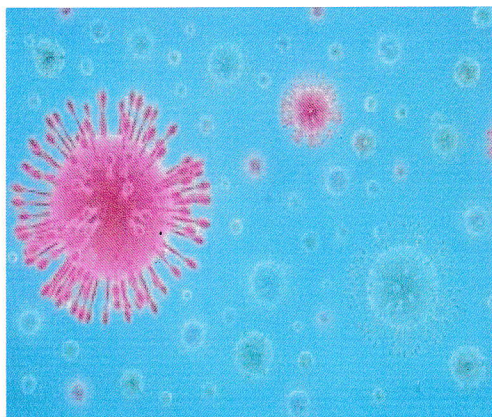
Avoid close contact

Stay home if you're sick

Cover coughs and sneezes

Wear a facemask if you are sick

Clean and disinfect surfaces



Coronavirus (COVID-19)



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Wuhan Coronavirus impacts knife industry:

Extracted from Blade Magazine Web Site

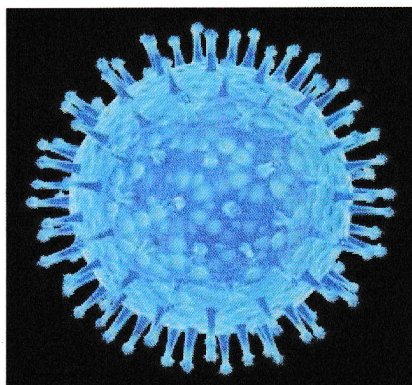
Blade Show has just announced that they are not planning on cancelling this year's show in Atlanta, June 5th-7th, despite the raft of trade shows which are closing over Wuhan Coronavirus concerns. They are likely banking on the outbreak running its course as warmer weather returns. By June the overall picture should be much more clear than it is today.

At the time of this writing, the full impact of the Coronavirus is yet to be known. It is however starting to have an effect on the knife industry, especially the Chinese companies. According to off the record sources, the situation is "a bit messy" right now, with those companies who didn't have a supply of raw material stockpiled most affected due to shipping and supply chain disruptions. According to NASA, skies over China have cleared precipitously, with no sign yet of factory pollution increasing to pre crisis levels.

Coronavirus fears have caused the postponement of the IWA Outdoor Trade Show in Nuremberg, Germany less than a week before it was set to begin. (It has since been re-scheduled for September 3rd-6th, 2020). There is talk that April's NRA Meeting in Nashville might be next.

Japan and Italy, two countries with significant knife production, are two of the hardest hit outside of China. If the pandemic ends up causing a wider ranging economic slowdown, it will obviously impact US knife companies.. We don't yet know if the virus will take firm hold in the US, and if it does what effect it will have on domestic manufacturing.

When the virus finally subsides, we will likely see American and European companies begin to diversify their supply chains into countries outside of China, as a hedge against future disruption. This will leave excess production capacity at Chinese factories, but whether we see an industry contraction or more upstart companies step in to fill the vacuum remains to be seen.



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