

June 2009

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 May meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 17 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Queen Bone Copperhead and Case Aqua-Blue Toledo 2 Blade that was donated by Marvin Franz. The winner of the Queen was Roy Belliveau and Case knife went to your youngest member, Ken Napolitano. The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$25.00 was Ken Rabedeau. 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.

Russ Smegal gave a briefing about the status of our Annual Knife shows. The briefing detailed actual number of dealers, table sales and admissions for the last 2 years. He stated that the financial losses, lack of admissions, dwindling vendors, availability of good venue dates and the general economy dictates that we cancel this year's knife show. After some discussion, a show of hands decided in favor of that action.

*Next meeting Date: June 2nd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

May 29-31	28th Annual Blade Show - Cobb Galleria Centre - I-285 & US 41/Atlanta, Ga.
June 6-7	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
June 11-13	Parkers' Knife Show - Sevierville Events Center at Bridgemont - Sevierville, Tenn
June 13-14	Ft Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
June 20-21	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
June 26-28	Kentucky Cutlery Knife Show - Paroquet Springs Center - Shepherdsville, KY
June 27-28	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Show - Lakeland Center

RANDALL MADE KNIVES

Model 18 "Attack and Survival"

5 1/2" and 7 1/2" blades of 1/4" stock. Sawtooth edge on top.

Approx. 4 3/4" stainless steel tubular handle, 1" diameter, silver soldered to 1/4" oblong brass hilt, fitted with removable, threaded brass butt cap and waterproof "O" ring. Flared holes in top and bottom of hilt accommodate wrist thong. Stainless steel, knurled handle, compass and etching on blade are the only extra features available.



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Once upon a time was the Laguiole



This humble farmer's knife was first created in 1829, in Laguiole, a small mountain village of the Aveyron, in southwestern France. The bee decorating the spring plate would eventually become the prestigious symbol of France's most celebrated knife.

The first Laguiole knives were inspired by the Arabo-Hispanic knife, the Navaja. Local men who migrated to Spain in winter as pit-sawyers brought this knife back as souvenirs. Local cutlers and tinkers blended the Navaja with a local knife of the time, the Capouchadou, thus creating what became known as the Laguiole.

1840: The first awls appeared to help shepherds pierce the skin of sheep that had bloated from eating too much green grass.

1880: The corkscrew made its debut, in response to the demands of men from the northern Aveyron who had gone to Paris to work as waiters in cafes.

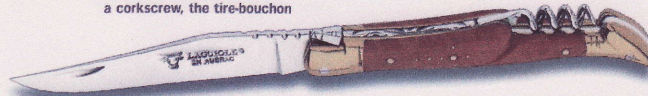
The Shepherd's cross which is set in the handle acts as a rosary. The knife was placed upright in the bread with the cross facing front. Shepherds, who spent many months on the high summer grazing lands, far from the churches, were thus able to do their daily prayers.



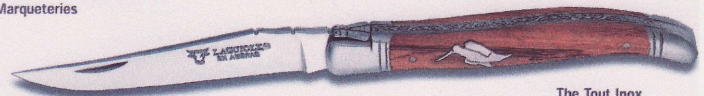
Shepherd's Cross ↑



An example of the Laguiole knife with a corkscrew, the tire-bouchon



The Marqueteries



The Tout Inox

FMKC Club Knives/For Sale: Attention all club members that are looking to start a collection of the club's Annual knives or to fill missing gaps in your present collection contact Russ Smegal, I have many of the club knives for sale, including the first FMKC CLUB KNIVES (1984 Case Trapper w/New Grind). I also have some of the 10th and 20th Anniversary knives, plus many of the Annual show Knives. For further information contact me at (239) 283-7253 or e-mail me at: rsmegal@comcast.net.