June 2014 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

FMKC NEWSLEMTER

Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The May meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Sarge "Uline" Liner Lock and a Timberline "Mini Pit Bull" Neck knife. The winner of the Sarge Liner Lock was Frank Fulton and the Timberline went to Mike Mikutus's father. The 50/50 drawing of $25.00 went to Bill Cyphert. 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.

This month's **BEST SPECIAL KNIFE** was for the best Switchblade Knife. This category of best knife brought out a large selection from the members. Since we had so many entries we selected two knives that won this month's award. (***see pictures below***). The Best Special knife for June is: The best **Custom Engraved Knife.** So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

Next meeting Date: June 3rd – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
April's Best Special Feature Knife is : Custom Engraved Knife.

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

May 31-Jun 1	Naples - Lee County Gun Collectors - VFW 7721/800 Neffs Way
Jun 7-8	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Jun 7-8	Cape Coral - German American Club Show - Pine Island Road
Jun 7-8	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Jun 14-15	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Jun 21-22	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
Jun 21-22	Palmetto - uBid Guns of Florida - National Guard Armory
Jun 28-29	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena
Jun 28-29	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Show - Lakeland Center

Classic Fred Harrington

FMKC Best Monthly Knife Award Knives For May

Frank Fulton's Dale Reif Custom Switchblade

Mike Mikutus's Mel Purdue Switchblade

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Every Man Should Carry a Pocket Knife

It used to be that a pocket knife was an essential item that a man carried with him.
You had your wallet, your keys, and your trusty pocket knife.

Article extracted from the internet

The History of the Pocket Knife

1st Century Romans created the first folding pocket knife. They made for easy carrying for soldiers and other explorers on their journeys and conquests. However, as the use of sheathed knives became more popular, the use of pocket knives fell somewhat into disfavor.

By the late 16th Century, pocket knives began to regain popularity. They were especially popular in the American colonies. From farmers to lawyers, men from all walks of life started to carry them. The ultimate portable tool, the pocket knife was a useful aid in various tasks, including eating on the go.

Pocket knives have been an essential tool for soldiers throughout American history. New York and New Hampshire required their militias to carry pocket knives during the American Revolution. Even George Washington toted one around as he led his troops. The U.S. Navy began issuing pocket knives to sailors during the Civil War. During WWII, the pocket knife was standard issue for American GIs.

Men have been carrying pocket knives for centuries. But with increased security at the airport and other buildings, knives have been disappearing from men's pockets. Yet these minor obstacles are not sufficient reason to give up carrying a knife completely. The carrying of a pocket knife is a man tradition that should be continued.

Why a Man Should Carry a Pocket Knife

How many times have you been in a situation where you've said to yourself, "Damn, a knife would be really handy now!" Here are a few instances when a pocket knife can come in handy or just make the simple things in life more enjoyable:

1. Opening a box. Cutting rope, tags, and string. Cutting an apple.

2. Opening a letter. Sure, you could use your finger, but using a knife is just more manly. Use as a weapon. Not the most effective, but it's better than nothing.

3. Camping. How else will you sharpen the point of a stick in preparation for stabbing your prey? And by prey I mean hot dog.

4. You never know when you're going to have to MacGyver your way out of a crisis. Be prepared.

5. You need something to clench in your teeth when swinging from a rope.

What kind of pocket knife should you get?

Picking out a knife is a personal thing. It's like picking out a wallet. It all comes down to personal taste. Men have a bond with their tools. Pick something that feels good in your hand, and that you'll take pride in and want to carry around.

There are three common designs of pocket knives: the jack knife, the pen knife, and the multi-purpose knife.

Jack knife. A jack knife has a simple hinge at one end, and may have more than one blade. The jack knife is popular among hunters, fishermen, and campers.

Pen knife. A pen knife is hinged at both ends of the handle, and usually has two or three blades at each end. The pen knife was originally designed to cut or sharpen pen quills for writing. The pen knife is good if you want more than one type of blade. It's also small and lightweight and won't be noticeable in the pocket of dress clothes.

Multi-purpose knife. These are probably the most popular pocketknives. The Swiss Army knife and the Handyman are probably the most well known of the multi-purpose knives. Boy Scout knives are also multi-purpose knives. In addition to the knife blade, multi-purpose knives have can openers, scissors, leather punchers, tweezers, or even screwdrivers. These can come in handy on camping trips. However, if all you're looking for is a sharp blade, the extra features will probably annoy you.

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