

June 2023

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 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The May meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 14 members & guests. This month's door prizes considered of a Colonial Swiss Master Hiker and Kabar Model 2795. Mike Mikutis won the Swiss Hiker and the Kabar went to Dave Masten. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$40 was won by Jim McDonnell. The **BEST SPECIAL** featured knife for the month was won by Russ Smegal for his 1983 KABAR Stag Lockback.

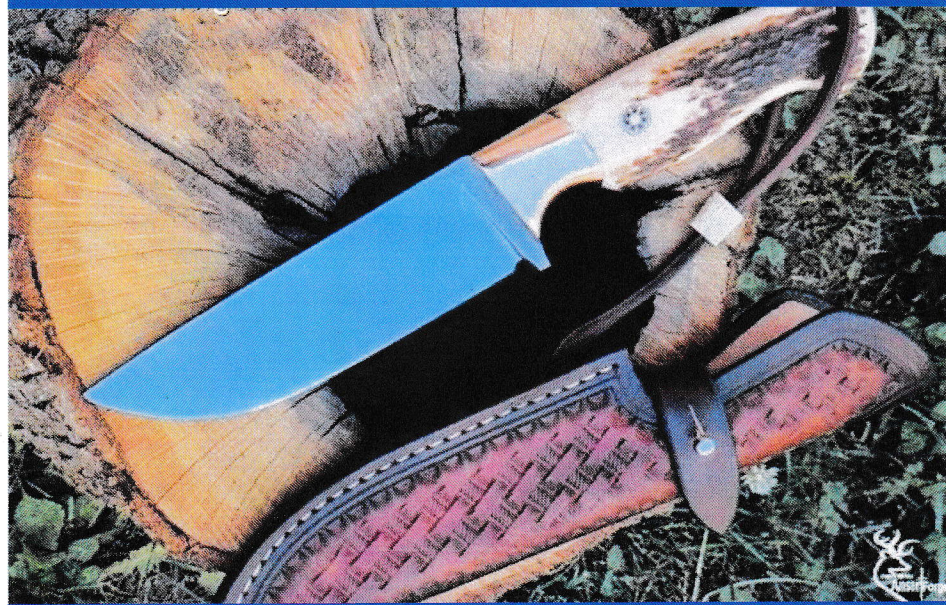
*Next meeting Date: 6th of June 2023 – Free Door Prizes Drawing.
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and /or Sell
June's Best Knife: Custom Made Stag Straight Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize*

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

June 3-4	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
June 10-11	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
June 10-11	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
June 24-25	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds

For Additional Florida Shows see Web site: gunshowtrader.com/gunshows/florida-gun-shows/



FMKC WEB SITE

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May all you wonderful

Dads enjoy a
Happy Father's Day

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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Boker and Poltergeist Works Craft New Balisong



1674



1869-1900



1900-1924



1924-1935



1935-1947



1947-1974



1974-2008



2008-2020



2020

Jakub Wieczorkiewicz is back with Boker, readying something unique for his sophomore effort with the company. The **Faction** is Wieczorkiewicz's take on the balisong genre, infusing it with both his particular visual hallmarks and a general EDC sensibility.

In both handle and blade design, the Faction is just what you'd expect a Poltergeist Works bali to look like. First let's look at that 3.74-inch blade. The slim, almost symmetrical drop point shape brings the Real Steel Luna to mind, a model which Wieczorkiewicz recently expanded with the **larger Maius variant**. While the Maius is bigger than the original Luna, it is still dwarfed by the Faction, which has a blade length of 3.74 inches – big, but not *that* big in the grand scheme of balisongs, which tend to have blade lengths north of four inches. In fact, the official literature from Boker describes the Faction as an everyday carry knife, fit for handling any of the usual day-to-day cutting jobs.

This is a Boker Plus model, but situated on the higher end of that line's price range, so the Faction's blade is made from S35VN. Not so long ago S35VN was a high watermark in powder metallurgy, although it has since been superseded not only by its own direct sequel, S45VN, but a whole suit of next gen super steels. But while not the newest of the new, S35VN still fits the everyday carry remit like a glove, with good edge retention and stain resistance in particular.

The Faction is a balisong, so you already know how it opens. The swinging handle halves are made from titanium, but Wieczorkiewicz chose not to make his bali with the usual cutouts in the scales; evidently his intention was to make the knife look sleeker when open. Wieczorkiewicz also outfitted the two swinging pivots with his signature oversized bird's eye hardware, a flourish carried through on lots of his production and custom stuff. Reinforcing that everyday carry concept, the Faction comes with a (right hand, tip up only) loop over pocket clip.



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