

July 2011

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 June meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 12 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Rough Rider Pearl Lockback and a Frost Cutlery Fire Fighter knife. The winner of the Rough Rider was Dixie Smegal and the Frost knife went to Kenneth Napolitano. No 50/50 drawing was held this month.. 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.

Next month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE will be your **Best Straight Knife**. So bring your best/favorite straight knife to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

Next meeting Date: July 5th – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
June's Best Special Feature Knife is : Best Straight Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize

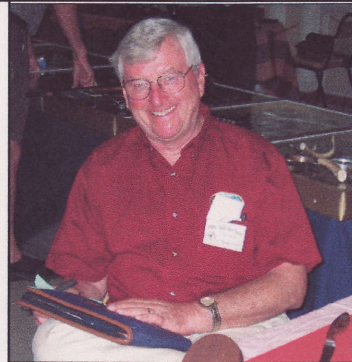
Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Jul 2-3	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialist - South Florida Fairgrounds
Jul 16-17	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center

“Children are knives, my mother once said. They don’t mean to, but they cut. And yet we cling to them, don't we, we clasp them until the blood flows”

Joanne Harris (The Girl with No Shadow)



Life Member Dies

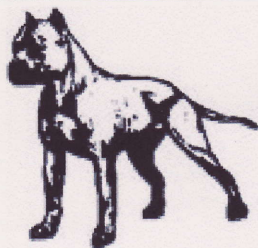
Albert “Barney” Barnett died June 14, 2011. Barney was a part-time maker, he donated many of his made knives to our prior FMKC Shows.



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



Bulldog Brand Knife History

Charlie Dorton had the first Bulldog Brand Knife produced in 1978 in the Friedrich Olbertz Factory in Solingen West Germany. Bulldog Brand Knives are still produced in the same factory. Bulldog Knives have five important periods in their existence; collectors refer to them as different generations.

First Generation. 1978 – 1987; Thirty two different patterns were produced. Out of 32 patterns came 469 styles. A Bulldog Brand Knife Collectors Club was formed in the early 1980's and a number was assigned to each knife as it went to a customer. There were no Bulldog knives shipped into the United States from late 1987 to 1992.

Second Generation. 1991 – 1992; Jim Parker purchased the Bulldog Brand Knife Company. In 1992 the Olbertz factory shipped about 7,000 Bulldog knives to the USA. Later, some knife parts were purchased from Blue Grass Cutlery to complete additional Bulldog knife sets.

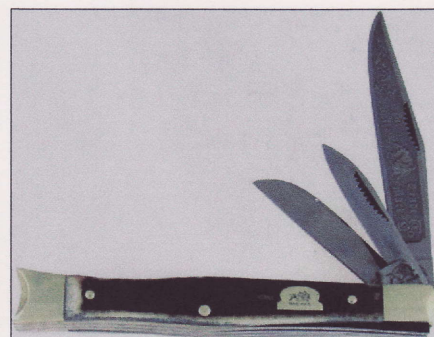
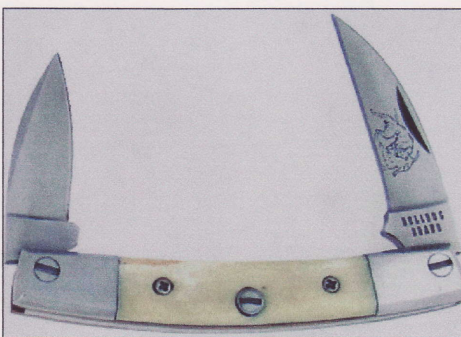
Third Generation. 1993 – 1995; 17 new knife patterns were ordered from the Olbertz factory and 5 new handle materials were introduced. Oyster Shell handle material and Lady Leg knives were introduced in this year. The third generation knives ended the era of the two "Fighting Dogs" stamp.

Fourth Generation. 1996 - Early 2000; Jim Parker commissioned an artist to draw "Lucky" Mrs. Parkers purple ribbon bred American Pit Bull Terrier. This drawing appeared as the new Bulldog Knives trademark in 1996.

Fifth Generation. 2000-2003; According to Jim Parker's Pocket Knife Traders Price Guide, the double dog head stamp was introduced around this time. 2004 Silver Anniversary; This is the Year of the Reintroduction of the "Fighting Dog" Tang Stamp. 25 Year – Silver Anniversary of Bulldog Brand Knives. 2005 – 2008; February 2005, Bulldog Brand Knives retired the Double Dog Head Tang Stamp, and replaced it with a single Fighting Bulldog Stamp. A trademark has to be used every three years to keep it active, so a few knives with the rare two "Fighting Dogs" stamp are released every few years. The Bull Dog Brand Knives are 100% Completely Handmade in Solingen, Germany by Master Cutlers. Each Carbon steel blade is individually hammer-forged with over 240 hand operations going into each knife, then each blade is reverse frost etched with the Double Dog Head logo. Nickel Silver Pins and Shield, and Brass Liners add to the top quality craftsmanship.

Sixth Generation – 2009 to Present; Bulldog Brand USA Knives are being manufactured by Great Eastern Cutlery in Titusville, PA and models are product by Queen Cutlery in Titusville, PA. Bulldog Brand USA Knives are high quality Knives, made in the USA, that carry on the Bulldog Brand Legacy.

Source: "Pocket Knife Trader's Price Guide Volume 8" By: James "Buzz" Parker and Ed Henley



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