

July 2013

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 June meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 15 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Meyerco Neck knife and a Smith & Wesson Lockback. The winner of the neck knife went to Kenneth Napolitano and the S & W Lockback was won by Karen Hurst. The 50/50 drawing netted James Patton \$25.00 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.

This month's **BEST SPECIAL KNIFE** was for the best Engraved Knife. The winner was Bill Cyphert for his Blackie Collins Stag Straight knife that was beautifully engraved by club member Fred Harrington. The Best knife for July is: The best Straight Knife. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

Next meeting Date: July 2nd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
July's Best Special Feature Knife is : Straight Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

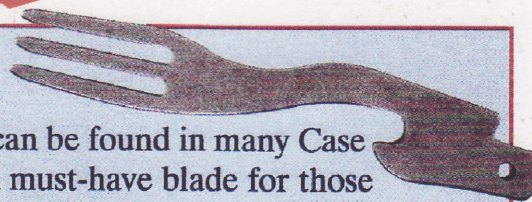
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Jul 6-7	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Jul 13-14	Naples - Gun & Knife Show - VFW Post 771 - 800 Neffs Way/Off Pine Ridge Rd.
Jul 20-21	Venice - Gun & Knife Show - The Dome Flea Market/5115 SR 776
Jul 20-21	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center
Jul 27-28	Bradenton - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Bradenton Auditorium

BLADE SHAPES

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This dual function blade can be found in many Case Hobo® ('54HB) knives. A must-have blade for those who enjoy the outdoors, it assists with eating or serving food, as well as removing bottle caps.



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



How To Shave With A Straight Razor

1. **Prep your beard, either by taking a hot shower, or by holding a hot towel against your face.** If you opt for the hot towel, soak a small towel in hot water and hold it firmly against your face until it is cool. For best results, apply the hot towel twice.
2. **After prepping your beard run the faucet for the hottest water possible.** Fill your mug or bowl with the water, and let your brush soak.
3. **Squeeze out the excess water from your brush, and dump the water out that you used to soak the brush.** Make a lather with the brush, either in the bowl, or just load the brush and wait to lather up directly on your face.
4. **You'll want to wet your face right before you lather up**
5. **Then use the brush to apply the soap or cream to the hairy area, swirling until the lather has formed stiff peaks.**
6. **Apply the lather to your face using a paintbrush motion using the badger brush.** Use a hot towel to wipe away any extra lather, removing oil from the skin follicles so that moisture can penetrate.
7. **Finish lathering by using painting strokes to cover your face with a thick layer. Let sit on for 5 min, or longer if hair is very coarse.** Re-lather if the soap has dried out after the 5 minutes. Using a towel, letting it sit, reapplying, and so forth is technically optional. The important thing is having a nice thick lather on your beard to protect the skin and guide the blade.
8. **Stretch your skin as you shave.** Pull the area to which you will apply the straight razor until it is tight.
9. **Use a 20° degree angle of the blade to your skin.** Remember you are not slicing skin, this is not your intention, you are cutting hair as close to your skin as you can. You can obtain this angle by letting the blade almost "sit" flush on the face, and turning it slightly to get the 20 to 30 degree angle. Remember to use hardly any pressure! This is not a cartridge razor and it is very easy to cut yourself.
10. **You will make three passes for optimal smoothness.** If you want to save time and are willing to sacrifice smoothness, you can do a single-pass shave and skip the last two passes. On each pass, you will start with short strokes and finish off with longer strokes.
11. **Make the first pass with the grain (that means in the direction of hair growth).**
12. **Lather up again and make the second pass sideways to the grain.** You probably won't be able to shave your neck on this pass, just the sides of your face and jawline.
13. **If you have a very heavy beard, you may want change the razor before the third pass.** If your beard is not that tough, you can skip this step.
14. **Make a third and final pass against the grain.** This pass is the most dangerous and when the most accidents occur. Be aware when trimming side burns that the tip is near your earlobe, and be very careful when shaving the awkward shapes around your neck. Some men prefer to use water only, with no lather, for the third pass, to better see what they are doing. If you have a heavy beard, you may find this irritates your skin too much. In this case, go ahead and use the lather.
15. **Rinse the lather off your face with cold water.** Cold water will help close the pores in your skin.
16. **Dry the razor.** Run a square of toilet paper between the scales of the handle to remove the droplets of moisture that are trapped there. (Most old razors are high carbon steel and will rust).
17. **Strop the razor with a leather strop.** After stropping, apply blade oil to protect the blade from moisture damage and rust.
18. **Rinse the brush, shake out the excess moisture, and hang it upside-down in a brush holder to dry.**

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