

July 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



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The June meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of only 9 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Case XX Jeff Gordon Lockback and a Choppers Liner Lock knife. The winner of the Case knife was Bill Cyphert and the Choppers went to Marty Elmore. This month we did not have a 50/50 drawing. 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 Custom Engraved knife. The winner was Jim Roberts for his beautiful Joe Kious folder with outstanding engraving by Tim George. (*see picture below*). The Best Special knife for July is: The best **Straight Blade Sheath Knife**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

Next meeting Date: July 1st - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
July's Best Special Feature Knife is : Straight Blade Sheath Knife.

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Jul 5-6	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Jul 5-6	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Jul 12-13	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center
Jul 19-20	Naples - Lee County Gun Collectors - VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way
Jul 26-27	Englewood - Lee County Gun Collectors - VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Rd.
Jul 26-27	Largo - 2 Guys Gun Show - Minnreg Hall



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

FMKC Best Monthly Knife Award For June



Joe Kious Custom Folder



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



What Is The Best Tactical Knife?

Extracted from the Internet

CHOOSING A TACTICAL KNIFE: Other than folding knives, a tactical fixed blade knife is not a knife you would generally carry with you as an everyday tool. Instead such a knife's main purpose is for self defense and possibly to use in survival situations. Since the word "tactical" seems to get thrown around quite often when it comes to knives and there are so many knives to choose from, it can be difficult to find the best tactical knife for you. However, by keeping some key aspects of the knife in mind, you can find a reliable tactical knife that is right for you.

HAVING A GOOD HANDLE: A good handle is essential for tactical knives since they will likely be used in situations where a lot of force will be applied to the knife. If you're in a survival or self-defense situation, you definitely don't want that knife slipping out of your hands or breaking at a crucial moment.

For a tactical knife, you'll want something very sturdy that won't absorb moisture. Bone, ivory and wood may be fairly strong materials, but they absorb moisture and can easily stain or chip. Plastic and rubber don't absorb moisture, but they are not very strong or durable.

Metal is a great choice for a strong tactical knife. It doesn't absorb moisture, and most metals are extremely strong and durable. Aluminum, titanium, stainless steel and carbon steel are the most common metals used for folding knives. Steel is usually seen as the best option with stainless steel being the preferable type. Stainless steel is more resistant to staining and corrosion than carbon steel, which will allow your handle to last longer.

GRIPS: Having a good grip will allow the knife to feel more comfortable in your hands and will prevent the knife from slipping out of your hands. The trouble with metal handles is that they're commonly very smooth and slippery, especially in wet conditions. That is why it is beneficial to have a secondary grip.

Textured or checkered handles will provide you with better grip and they're usually the most durable option since they're crafted into the handle instead of attached to it. However, these handles are still fairly slippery.

Rubber grips will provide you with better traction than textured and checkered handles, but rubber can easily deteriorate or get damaged. Having the grip attached to the handle instead of molded from it may also cause it to easily pop off.

Cord is a popular choice for tactical knives as it provides the user with a great grip, but these grips are also typically less durable than rubber. Cord also provides you with a better grip in water while rubber and metal tend to get more slippery when wet. There's also the added benefit of having extra cord stored conveniently in your knife handle for survival purposes.

BLADE MATERIAL: Knives usually come in two types of steel; stainless steel and carbon. The two types of steel are quite similar, but stainless steel has more chromium than carbon steel.

Stainless steel products are boasted quite frequently for many products, but when it comes to knives it's generally seen as beneficial because they are more resistant to the wear and tear of frequent use. They're resistant to rust and water damage, and they're easy to sharpen. However, they lose their edge quite frequently. Despite the name, stainless steel is also susceptible to stains.

Carbon blades are tougher than stainless steel, but they are highly susceptible to rust and stains. They're also more difficult to sharpen, but they don't dull nearly as easily as stainless steel.

CONCLUSION: The key to finding the right tactical knife for your needs is focusing on what feels right to you. Not everyone handles knives in the same way. What might be right for one person may not be right for you. Try out various kinds of knives to find out which one is the best fit for you.

NOTICE: Receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. Contact the club secretary, Russ Smegal at: rsmegal@comcast.net By doing this you will save the club the newsletter mailing cost.