

July 2019

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 14 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Parker-Frost Stag and a Rough Rider Pearl Lockback. Dalton Patton won the Parker-Frost and the Rough Rider went to Frank Veasley. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$27.00 went to Frank Veasley. 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. The **Best Special** knife for the month was won by Casey Philibert for his Ed Kalfayan stag straight knife (see Pic).

Next meeting Date: 2nd of July – Free Door Prizes Drawing. Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell July's Feature Knife will be your best - Factory Red Bone Trapper Knife.

Bring your best to win a Prize

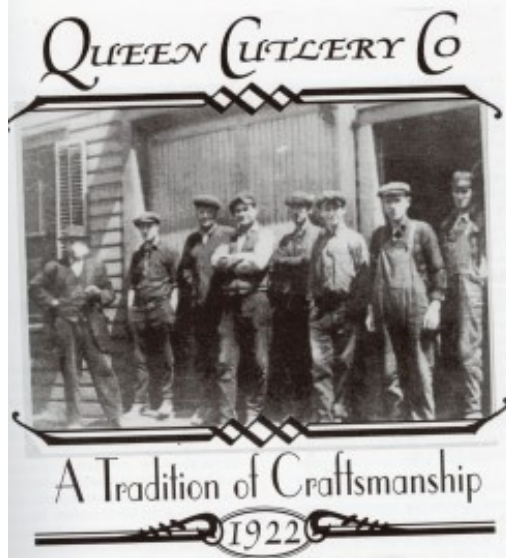


ED KALFAYAN - STAG KNIFE

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Jul 6-7	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Jul 13-14	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Bradenton Covention Center
Jul 20-21	Brooksville - 2 Guys Gun Show - Hernando Cunty Fairgrounds
Jul 27-28	Lakeland - Florida Gun Shows - SUN'N FUN - Lakeland



Original Queen City Cutlery group
Left to right: Gus Rinkley, Harry Matthews, Frank Fennell, Jack Barber, Ralph Dillinger, William Matthews, Roy Dillinger, and Ray Smith



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Queen Cutlery's Demise

Like Camillus and Imperial-Schrade before it, Titusville, Pennsylvania's Queen Cutlery Company met its final fate at the auction block last month, casting its equipment, tooling, parts and remaining inventory to the winds.

It's a sad ending to a tale that had even more twists and turns than those of most cutlery manufacturers. Queen Cutlery got its start as Queen City Cutlery Co. in 1922, when workers at Titusville's Schatt & Morgan Cutlery Co. struck out on their own. Before long, Schatt & Morgan closed and was absorbed by its defectors, who moved into the former S&M plant at 507 Chestnut St. where they would remain until now.

Long the leader in producing pocketknives with stainless steel blades, Queen operated independently in 1969, when the company was purchased by Servotronics of Elma, New York. Servotronics still owns Ontario Knife Company, and that company's production of knives for the military made more sense for Servotronics which itself relies heavily on government contracts. Queen seemed like an odd fit both by its mission and its distance from the parent company, and under Servotronics' ownership Queen's management often felt like the odd man out.

Queen Cutlery's 2012 purchase by the Daniels family brought with it a wave of enthusiasm from throughout the knife community. Ken Daniels, who played a key role in the establishment of Great Eastern Cutlery, took the company's reins with a plan, plenty of knowledge, and the determination to make it succeed. In the end, the family's efforts were undermined by financial issues not of their making, and the general sense that they didn't deserve this fate.

But here we are, just shy of a century of history, and Queen is dead - to have on only in the hearts of knife collectors and in the blades they left behind.

As for the sale itself - with just a few weeks' notice and some last minute advertising, knife enthusiasts nevertheless formed the bulk of a good turnout, with about 120 bidders in-house and 60 more online. Sales were strong, with the bank reportedly "Just elated" at results which were about twice Hartland Auction's pre-sale estimates. In particular, auctioneer Dean Gearhart was "Stunned by the reaction we had" to the sale, particularly with regard to the remaining knives, knife parts and memorabilia which went largely to knife collectors and dealers." The knives and memorabilia sold like hot potatoes," he added.

The equipment and tooling was sold to a variety of buyers, including W.R. Case & Sons and Brad Vice from Alabama Damascus Steel.

We're told that the bank is deciding how to sell the company's trademarks, such as the Queen Cutlery and Schatt & Morgan brands. Chances are good that they'll also be sold at Auction; those interested would be wise to contact Dean at Hartland Auctions, phone 724-368-9788.

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