

July 2025

Meetings are held at Smoke's 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 each month, at 4:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The June meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 8 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes consisted of a Camillus/Character Knife and a Queen 2005 Youth Knife. The winner of the Camillus knife was won by Casey Philibert and the Queen Youth knife went to James McDonnell. The monthly 50/50 drawing was won by Bill Cyphert for the amount of \$20. The best knife of the month was won by Casey Philibert for his unique Hubertus Stag Blade Release Switchblade.

*Next meeting Date: 1st of July – Free Door Prizes Drawing.
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell
July's Best Knife: Any Single Blade Pearl Knife.*

Bring your best knife to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

July 5-6	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Fl Fairgrounds
July 12-13	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
July 26-27	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
July 26-27	Arcadia - Gun, Knife & Military Show - Turner Agri. Civic Center

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



SINGLE BLADE PEARL KNIVES



FMKC WEB SITE

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

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New Site***



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OPINEL KNIVES



The Opinel knife, a French icon, has a rich history rooted in the Savoie region of the French Alps. **Joseph Opinel, in 1890, designed the first knife**, aiming for a simple, practical tool that was both affordable and robust. Over the decades, the knife gained popularity among farmers, workers, and even became a design icon.

Here's a more detailed look at the Opinel story:

- **1890:** Joseph Opinel, inspired by his love for machinery and manufacturing, created the first Opinel knife.
- **1897:** A series of 12 sizes of Opinel knives, numbered 1 to 12, were introduced.
- **1901-03:** Joseph Opinel established his first factory and produced a machine for mass-producing the wooden handles.
- **1909:** Joseph Opinel registered the "Crowned Hand" emblem as his trademark.
- **1955:** Marcel Opinel, Joseph's son, invented the Virobloc safety twistlock mechanism, enhancing the knife's safety and versatility.
- **1985:** The factory moved to Chambéry, continuing the Opinel tradition.
- **2000:** The Virobloc locking mechanism was improved, allowing locking the blade in both open and closed positions.

The Opinel knife's enduring appeal stems from its simple design, high-quality materials, and accessible price point. It has remained a family-run business for over 130 years, with descendants of Joseph Opinel still at the helm.



Opinel size guide

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.