

July 2026

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 Wenger Swiss Army Knife and a Zippo Letter Opener. The winner of the Wenger Knife was Russ Smegal and the Zippo Letter Opener went to Dalton Patton. No 50/50 Drawing of was held this month. The best knife award went to Jim McDonnell for his Case XX Blue Scroll 5172 SSP.

Next meeting Date: 7th of July - Free Door Prizes Drawing.

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

Monthly Best Knife: Any Case XX Canoe

Bring your best knife to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

Jul 11-12	Labelle - Great American Gun Show - Labelle Civic Center
Jul 11-12	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Jul 18-19	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Jun 25-26	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds

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



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FMKC WEB SITE

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

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THE HISTORY OF CANOE POCKET KNIVES

The History of Canoe Pocket Knives: A Classic Tool with Timeless Appeal

Pocket knives have been an essential tool for centuries, serving as indispensable companions for adventurers, craftsmen, and everyday users alike. Among the many styles of folding knives, the [canoe pocket knife](#) stands out as a particularly beloved and enduring design. Recognized by its distinctive shape and versatile blade configuration, the canoe knife has a rich history that intertwines with the evolution of pocket knives themselves. This article delves into the origins, development, and continued relevance of the canoe pocket knife, celebrating its role in knife-making tradition and utility.

Origins of the Canoe Pocket Knife

The canoe pocket knife takes its name from its unique handle shape, which resembles the curved hull of a canoe. This design is more than just an aesthetic choice; it provides ergonomic comfort and protects the knife's blades when closed.

The origins of the canoe knife can be traced back to the early 20th century when knife manufacturers sought to create compact, versatile knives that could serve a variety of purposes. While multi-blade knives had already been popular for many years, the canoe style introduced a level of symmetry and practicality that made it a favorite among users who needed a reliable cutting tool for outdoor and everyday tasks.

The Evolution of Canoe Knives

The earliest known canoe-style knives were produced by prominent [American](#) and European cutlery manufacturers in the early to mid-1900s. Companies such as [Case](#), [Schrade](#), and Boker began crafting these knives with high-quality materials, ensuring durability and functionality. These early models typically featured two blades: a [spear-point](#) blade for general cutting tasks and a pen blade for more detailed work.

By the mid-20th century, the canoe knife had gained popularity among outdoorsmen, tradesmen, and collectors alike. Its symmetrical design allowed for a comfortable grip, while the dual-blade configuration made it an excellent choice for those needing a versatile cutting tool. The knife's compact size also made it ideal for carrying in a pocket without adding excessive bulk.

Advancements in Materials and Design

As knife-making technology advanced, manufacturers began experimenting with new materials and construction techniques. Traditional [carbon steel](#) blades were gradually complemented (and sometimes replaced) by [stainless steel](#), which offered increased corrosion resistance and ease of maintenance. Similarly, handle materials evolved from natural [bone](#) and [wood](#) to include [synthetic](#) composites, mother-of-[pearl](#), and even high-tech materials like [G-10](#) and [micarta](#).

The canoe knife also saw stylistic variations, with intricate engravings, bolstered designs, and decorative inlays becoming popular among collectors. Some manufacturers even introduced modern locking mechanisms to enhance safety and usability, although traditional [slip-joint](#) designs remain the most common.

[W.R. Case & Sons](#): Case has long been a leading name in pocket knives, and their canoe models are among the most sought-after. Known for their craftsmanship, Case knives often feature beautiful handle materials and premium blade steel.

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