

August 2010

Meetings are held at PERKINS Restaurant, 12300 S. Cleveland Ave. (US41), 2.5 miles South of Edison Mall or 1.2 miles North of Daniels Pkwy (SR865). First Tuesday of every month, 4:30 to 7:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The July meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 14 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Case XX Sod Buster Jr. and a Buck Stainless Lockback. The winner of the Case Sod Buster was Scott Bartholomew and the Buck knife went to Ken Rabedeau. A 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$30 was Jim McDonnell's grandson. 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.

*Next meeting Date: August 3rd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Aug 7-8	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Aug 14-15	Fort Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Aug 14-15	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 21-22	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Aug 21-22	Orlando - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 27-29	Central Kentucky Knife Club Show - Holiday Inn North, Lexington, KY
Aug 28-29	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Show - Lakeland Civic Center

Terry Renner/Knife Maker

He is the current president of the Florida Knifemakers' Association. He regularly attends the Blade Show, at which he was awarded the 2006 Best New Maker credits. Terry's knife designs feature fast, sweeping, curvy shapes, and incorporate some truly innovative locking mechanisms. He is the designer of the CRKT Scharrd and Neckolas knives. He says, "I grew up with a knife in my pocket (age 6), and feel naked without one, and I'd love to see that notion return as a part of our values and traditions."



NOTICE: *If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. Contact club secretary, Russ Smegal at: rsmegal@comcast.net*



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



BENCHMADE KNIVES

Benchmade Knives - Why are they so good?

Benchmade Knives was originally founded in California in 1988. Benchmade Knives opened shop in Clackamas, Oregon in 1990. The initial line of Benchmade Knives consisted mostly of their Bali-song knives. Benchmade Knives used a combination of out-sourcing, second hand machinery and in-house processing to produce those Benchmade Knives. Their passion for quality lead to tremendous growth for Benchmade Knives. As Benchmade Knives was able expand their product line they were able to do more work in-house, using new equipment and technology. Benchmade knives became the first knife maker to have lasers in-house.

The use of non-traditional materials and innovative processes allowed Benchmade knives to make better knives. The Benchmade knives philosophy - "Make it cool, make it solid, make it happen and definitely make it Benchmade." Benchmade Knives combined custom knife makers knowledge with Benchmade knives innovations and in 1991 they released their Designer Series with several custom knives.

The commitment to quality and innovation led to several years of incredible growth. Benchmade knives moving into their own 35,000 square foot building in 1996 with modern equipment. The equipment used in producing Benchmade knives now includes modern lasers and machine centers that can achieve tolerances of .00005". Most of the Benchmade knives products are hand assembled for a fit and finish that is normally associated with custom knives.

Benchmade knives warrants to the original owner that the knife will be free from defects in materials and workmanship. Benchmade knives will without charge, repair or replace at their option, any knife returned for Warranty work and found to be defective by Benchmade knives. The knife must be shipped by owner, prepaid and insured, together with a description of the problem and must be accompanied by the original bill of sale, your charge or credit receipt or any satisfactory proof of the original date of purchase.

Benchmade knives also offers LifeSharp. This is a service for Benchmade knives customers where Benchmade knives will sharpen your Benchmade knife. Simply ship your knife to the Benchmade knives address: LifeSharp, 300 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City, Oregon 97045. Make sure you insure your shipment, include your shipping address, and return shipping fees of \$5 for the first knife and \$2.50 for each additional knife. They will also inspect the knife for any warranty repairs and "tune" your knife.

Benchmade knives uses a wide variety of materials to make the handles and liners for Benchmade knives. The handles on Benchmade knives also come in many shapes and sizes. People have different size hands and knives fit differently in each hand. Benchmade knives designs enough grip and stability in each model so that it will still be functional in a lot of different hands. Likewise, with their liners Benchmade knives uses different materials to produce their superior Benchmade products.

