

August 2011

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 Rough Rider Pearl Stockman and a Case XX NASCAR Lockback. The winner of the Pearl Stockman was Dixie Smegal and the NASCAR Lockback went to Bert Burnell. The 50/50 winner's share of \$25 went to Jim McDonnell. 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 Award went to Bill Cyphert for his custom Charles Cosgrove straight knife. It was judged the best straight knife from a number of nice knives that were bought to the meeting. Next month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE will be your **Best Butterfly Knife**. So bring your favorite butterfly knife to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

*Next meeting Date: August 2nd – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

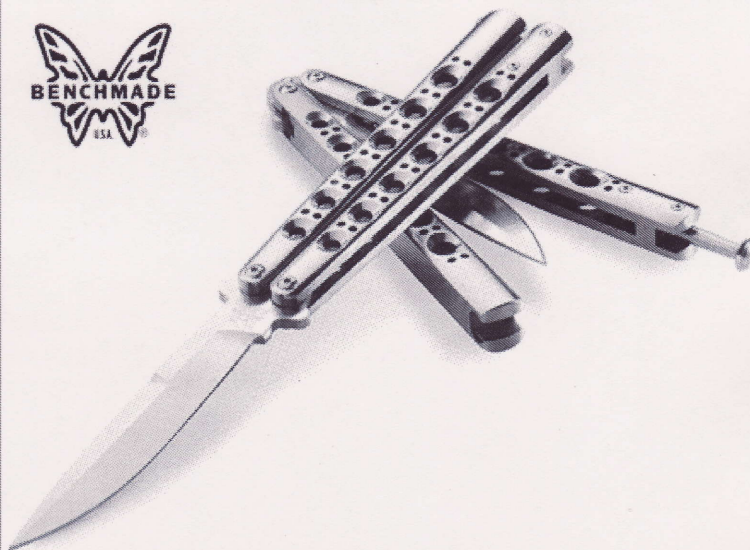
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW – GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Aug 5-6	Knoxville - Knives Illustrated Spirit of Steel Show - Downtown Marriott
Aug 6-7	Cumberland County Knife Show - Crossville, Tenn.
Aug 6-7	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Aug 13-14	Fort Lauderdale - Sun Coast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Aug 13-14	West Pam Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 20-21	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys LLC Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Aug 26-28	Central Kentucky Knife Club Show - Clarion Hotel - Lexington, Ky.
Aug 27-28	Lakeland - Sun Coast Gun Show - Lakeland Center

A Balisong, otherwise known as a butterfly knife, is a folding pocket knife. with two handles counter-rotating around the tang such that, when closed, the blade is concealed within grooves in the handles.

In the hands of a trained user, the knife blade can be brought to bear quickly using one hand. Manipulations, called "flipping" or "fanning", are performed for art or amusement.

Balisongs are useful for situations where it is inconvenient to use both hands to open a knife.



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Blackie Collins Dies July 20, 2011 Tragic Motorcycle Accident



This is extracted information from an Atlanta.Com article before his untimely death:

Blackie Collins still remembers the words of his second grade teacher, Mrs. Fryer (he never knew she had a first name) when he told her what he wanted to be when he grew up.

The other kids in his class at Harlee Grammar School in Florence, S.C., had the usual dreams — fireman, nurse, doctor, etc. — but little Walter Collins looked at the world differently. He still does. “I want to make guns and knives,” little Walter told his teacher.

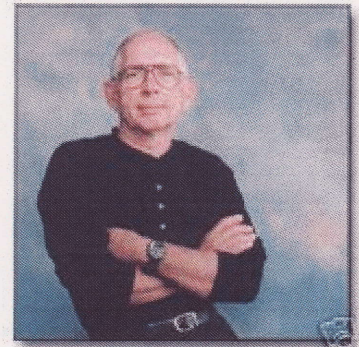
Mrs. Fryer had made some sort of supportive, positive comment on each child’s wish . . . until then. “She got a very stern look and said, ‘By the time you’re grown, there won’t be anymore guns and knives,’ ” said Collins, who came of age, somewhat, that day. “I didn’t understand anything about teachers being liberal, but even then there was a hardcore resistance to outdoor stuff.” No matter. Mrs. Fryer obviously didn’t make much of an impression because Blackie Collins designs have been sold in the millions in the last 25 or so.

Collins started his business in a small storefront in Atlanta but has since moved his operation to a location with the interesting name of North, South Carolina. Collins actually made his first knife in the second grade but it was a far cry from his current designs. He has made knives of all kinds, written books on knives and knife making and founded American Blade magazine (and later sold).

Not bad for someone who didn’t go to a knife or gun design school— there aren’t any. The products enjoyed by millions come from a hugely fertile mind. “There’s no high quite like creativity,” he says. It’s a quality Collins has by the bucketful. Collins’ career has been one of innovation.

He was the first designer to see the practicality and utility of using something other than the standard bone or wood and complicated steel assembly for folding knives. The first design, the Gerber L.S.T. (Light, Strong, Tough) has sold three million so far and is still a staple in the Gerber catalogue 14 years later. “That was the first molded Zytel handle,” Collins said. “Now, it’s the most copied knife in this century in the United States. “I wouldn’t be in business if it weren’t for injection molds.

It comes with an interesting story. “Pete Gerber handed me a knife in their line and said, ‘Give it some moxie,’ ” said Blackie of the 1983 meeting. “I asked what else he wanted and he said, ‘Make it easy to manufacture,’ and I took it from 26 parts to six parts.” He also was the first to use Cordura sheaths rather than the usual leather.



Blackie Collins®

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