

August 2022

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 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The July meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 10 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Rite Edge Damascus Knife and a Woodland Creek Survival Knife & Fire Starter. Jim Fahnenstiel won the Damascus Knife and the Survival & Fire Starter was won by Frank Fulton. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$20.00 was won by Russ Smegal and he donated it back to the club. The **Best Special** featured knife for the month was won by Russ Smegal for his WWI US Army Bolo Model 1917 with Scabbard.

Next meeting Date: 2nd of August 2022 – Free Door Prizes Drawing.

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

August's Best Knife: Ladies Leg Knife

Bring your best to win a Prize

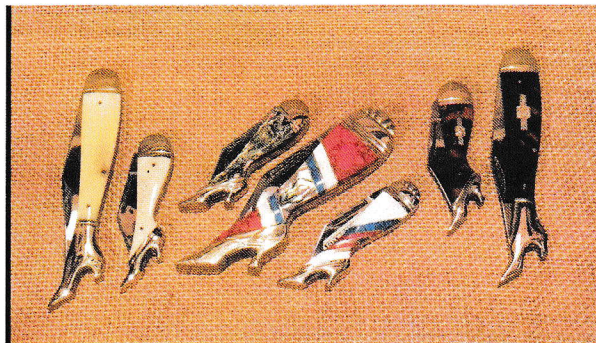
Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

Aug 6-7	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Aug 6-7	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 13-14	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena
Aug 20-21	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 27-28	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows – Florida State Fairgrounds

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

Ladies Leg Knives



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The Game-Changing Buck 110 Folding Hunter Knife

The first folding knife that we know of was uncovered in Austria and dates back to the Iron Age in about 600 BCE. Since then, many different kinds of folding knives have appeared over the centuries, from simple peasant knives to an array of camper knives, Barlow knives, canoe knives, pen knives, peanut knives, stockman knives, trapper knives, and a great many more fitted with a bewildering variety of blades for everything from sharpening quills to extracting stones from horses' hooves. By the 20th century, folding knives had become so common and affordable that many men felt undressed if they left the house without one in their pocket. However, one problem remained – how to lock the knife blade in place once it was opened.

Folding knives were designed to be easy to open and, usually, a spring would then hold it in place. Unfortunately, these knives were also closed very easily – often on the user's fingers. Various locking mechanisms were developed, but these tended to be expensive, hard to use, failed at the worst time, and any hard use would damage the mechanism. Ideally, what a folding knife aspired to be was one that was as robust and reliable as a sheath knife, which has a fixed blade. Since there are no moving parts, a good sheath knife can be forged from a single piece of steel where the blade and the tang (a portion of the blade that extends into the handle) are one, with the latter encased in wood, leather, antler, bone or some other material to form the handle.

Then, in 1964, a new knife came on the market. Produced by the small American firm of H. H. Buck and Son, this was the Buck 110 Folding Hunter knife. Hand assembled, it boasted a very robust ergonomic design that fitted the parts together to very fine tolerances to eliminate destructive play, it combined new steel-tempering methods with a new locking mechanism.

The result was the first mass-market knife that locked the blade into place so firmly that it functioned on the same level as a sheath knife, yet could be easily folded up and stowed in a small belt sheath when no longer needed. Within a few years, it became one of the best selling knives in the world as well as the most copied and most pirated.



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