September 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

FMKC NEWSLETTER

Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The August meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Woodland Creek Knife Set and a Black Hills Damascus Straight Knife. Stephanie McDonnell won the Woodland Creek Knife Set and the Black Hills Damascus Straight Knife was won by Jim Patton. The monthly 50/50 drawing of $40.00 was won by Barbara Philibert. The **Best Special** featured knife for the month was won by Russ Smegal for his KABAR Ladies Leg Set.

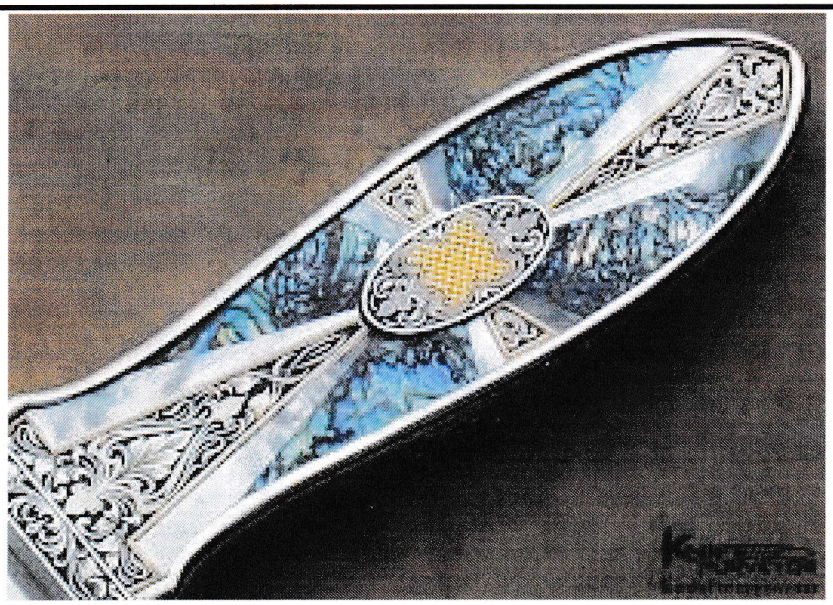
Next meeting Date: 6th of September 2022 – Free Door Prizes Drawing.
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and /or Sell
September's Best Knife: Abalone Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

Sep 3-4	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Sep 10-11	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Bradenton Convention Center
Sep 24-25	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena

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



Buster Warenski Custom Knife
Julie Warenski Engraved Abalone & Mother of Pearl

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W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Co. Basic History

The company's roots extend back to 1889, when the Case brothers – William Russell (W.R.), Jean, John and Andrew Case, formerly of the Cattaraugus Cutlery Company – began selling cutlery from the back of a wagon in various small western New York villages. In January 1900, the brothers incorporated to form Case Brothers Cutlery Company.

John Russell Case, who named the company after his father, William Russell ("W.R."), formed W.R. Case & Sons as it is known today. By the time the company moved to Pennsylvania in 1905, the four Case brothers had established their brands. The company's original factory in Little Valley, New York, burned down in 1912.

Beginning with World War I, Case has made military knives for U.S. servicemen and women including the M3 Fighting Knife and the V-42 stiletto (the latter, for the Devil's Brigade). During the 1965 flight of the *Molly Brown*, astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young used special Case knives on a NASA space mission.

The company, alongside Alcoa, founded the Cutco brand of cutlery in 1949 under the company name Alcas (its name being an amalgamation of Alcoa and Case); Alcoa would purchase Case's stake in the company in 1972, and Alcas' management bought the company from Alcoa in 1982, and is now simply known as the Cutco Corporation.

The Case Company is currently owned by Zippo Manufacturing Company, another business based in Bradford.

Case knives are made with blades usually stamped from domestic chromium-vanadium steel alloy or stainless steel, and hardened using proprietary heat treatment methods. Knife handles or scales are made of a variety of materials, from the more common synthetic materials to natural materials like Brazilian cattle bone, India stag, buffalo horn, ancient mammoth ivory, mother of pearl, exotic hardwoods and precious stones on the more expensive collector's knives. Brass and nickel silver metals are used to make the knives' other component parts.

Many people collect Case knives as a hobby. This practice arose from the unique tang stamp dating systems employed by the company beginning in the late 19th century. Today's Case Collectors Club is made up of 18,000 members.

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