

September 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 August meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 9 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes consisted of Victorinox "Super Tinker" and a Alaska Ulu Knife. The winner of the Victorinox Super Tinker was Paul Nowling (guest) and the Alaska Ulu went to Frank Fulton. No 50/50 Drawing of was held this month. The best knife award went to Jim McDonnell for his H.L. Morris Mastodon Ivory custom made folder.

*Next meeting Date: 1st of September– Free Door Prizes Drawing.
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell
Monthly Best Knife: Any American made BOWIE*

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

Sep 5-6 Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Sep 5-6 West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Sep 12-13 Ft Lauderdale - Expo Gun Show - National Guard Armory
Sep 19-20 Lakeland - Central Florida Gun Show - Sun'n Fun Expo Campus

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



FMKC WEB SITE

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

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New Site*



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The History of Bowie Knives: From Frontier Weapon to Iconic Blade

Portions Extracted from the internet

The [Bowie knife](#) is one of the most recognizable and celebrated blades in American history. Originating in the early 19th century, this large, fixed-blade knife has been immortalized in folklore, battle, and pop culture. From its origins on the frontier to its place in modern collections, the Bowie knife remains an enduring symbol of rugged individualism and craftsmanship. This article explores the fascinating history of Bowie knives, tracing their evolution and significance through the centuries.

The Origins of the Bowie Knife

The Bowie knife owes its name to James Bowie, a frontiersman, soldier, and folk hero of the American Southwest. Bowie gained notoriety during the early 1800s for his skills as a fighter and survivalist, but it was the infamous Sandbar Fight of 1827 that cemented his legend and the reputation of his blade.

The Sandbar Fight and James Bowie

The Sandbar Fight took place on September 19, 1827, on a Mississippi River sandbar near Natchez, Mississippi. The confrontation began as a duel between two men but quickly escalated into a bloody melee. James Bowie, already wounded, fought off multiple assailants with a large knife, reportedly killing one opponent and severely wounding others. Witnesses were awestruck by the effectiveness of his knife, which was said to be large, sharp, and well-balanced for combat.

This fight turned Bowie into a legend and sparked interest in his knife, leading to a surge in demand for similar blades. However, the exact design of the original Bowie knife remains a topic of speculation.

The Texas Revolution and the Alamo

James Bowie became a key figure in the Texas Revolution and played a prominent role in the defense of the [Alamo](#) in 1836. Though he died in the battle, his legend and the reputation of his knife endured. Many Texan soldiers and pioneers adopted Bowie knives as standard gear, reinforcing their association with toughness and resilience.

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