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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 October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 8 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes considered of a Victorinox "Fisherman" and a Ggoge Folding Lockback. The Victorinox went to Russ Smegal and the Agoge Lockback was won by Robert Coy Baughman III. There was not a monthly 50/50 this month. **The SPECIAL** knife was won by Casey Philibert for his 13 blade Victorinox.

Next meeting Date: 5th of November - Free Door Prizes Drawing.

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

October's Best Knife: Any knife with a Marlin Spike

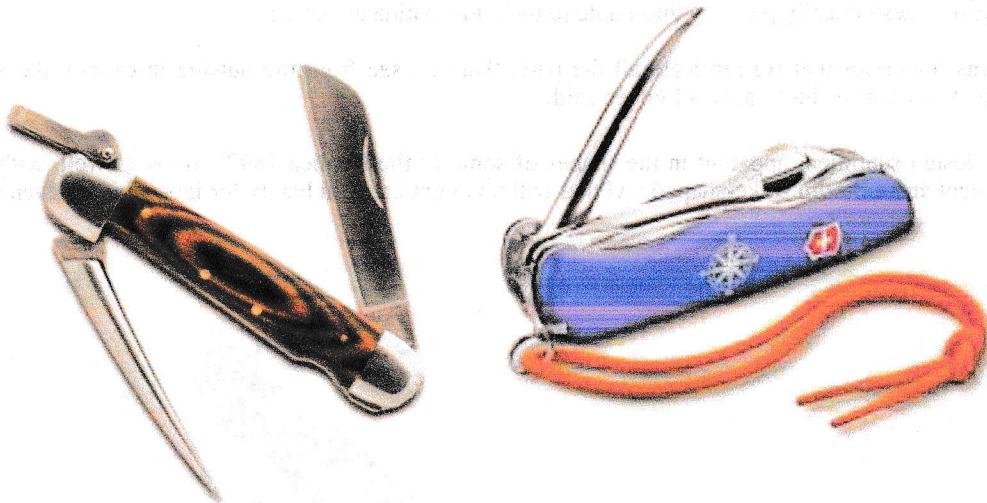
Bring your best knife to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

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| Nov 9-10 | Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds |
| Nov 16-17 | Fort Myers - Antique Militaria Gun Show - Marion Hall |
| Nov 16-17 | Labelle - Great American Gun Show - Labelle Civic Center |
| Nov 23-24 | Punta Gorda - 2 Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Harbor Event Center |

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



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Victorinox Replica 1897 Swiss Army Knife

When Victorinox introduced the original Swiss Army Knife in 1897 — named as such for American troops' difficulty pronouncing the tool's original name of *Offiziersmesser*, or "Officer's Knife" — the company embarked on a journey to create an entire brand based on possibly the most famous military knife of all time. Now, after 125 years, Victorinox's newest Swiss Army Knife is a return to form for the iconic "little red knife."

The Victorinox Swiss Army Knife was by no means the first multi-use knife: as descriptions of similar tools go as far back as Herman Melville's 1851 classic "Moby Dick," in which he describes "...a common pocket knife; but containing, not only blades of various sizes, but also screw-drivers, cork-screws, tweezers, awls, pens, rulers, nail-filers and countersinkers." The fact that "Swiss Army Knife" has become shorthand for describing someone or something as versatile and capable shows that this knife is more than just a great tool — it's a cultural icon.

"The little red knife has become a Swiss icon, a symbol of Swiss quality and reliability" said Victorinox CEO Carl Elsener, emphasizing the pride that the company has placed in the company's return to its original knife design. To wit, the new Victorinox 'Replica 1897' was designed with a focus on recreating that original knife in every way possible, but with the precision that modern materials and production methods offer.

So how does the Replica 1897 differ from, say, the more ubiquitous plastic-handled versions like those [popularized by Angus MacGyver](#) in the classic 1980s TV show? For starters, the original Swiss Army Knife was a knife of its time, made with brass liners, nickel silver, brass, or carbon steel screws, and featured carbon steel blades and tools. One striking feature, however, was the red-tinged wood used for the handles, which is markedly different from the red plastic or aluminum handles seen more commonly on modern Swiss Army Knives.

The Replica 1897 update carries the same DNA as the original, but with some minor alterations. The most notable change is to the blade steel, which is comprised of Victorinox's proprietary martensitic steel. Other changes include the use of aluminum liners instead of brass, and settling on nickel silver for the screws that hold the knife together. Thankfully, the wood is still intact, and just as aesthetically pleasing and liable to pick up a patina as before.

"It was important that we replicate all the parts that you see from the outside in exactly the same way," Victorinox Category Swiss Army Knife chief Patricia Lengen said.

This design sentiment apparent in the shapes of some of the Replica 1897's tools as well, with distinctly vintage corkscrew attachment and a marlin spike-shaped awl that will no doubt come in handy for loosening up even the most difficult knots.



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