

November 2025 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 October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 10 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes consisted of a 15" Handmade Damascus Knife w/ Sheath and a Ocoee River 7" Knife w/Sheath. The winner of the Damascus Knife was won by Renate Taylor and the Ocoee River Knife went to Casey Philibert. The monthly 50/50 Drawing of \$20 went to Jim McDonnell. The best knife of the month was won by Mike Mikutis for his beautiful Pearl Lockback made by William Henry.

*Next meeting Date: 4th of November - Free Door Prizes Drawing.  
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell  
November's Best Knife: Any Case XX knife made in the 1970s. (Doted)*

**Bring your best knife to win a Prize**

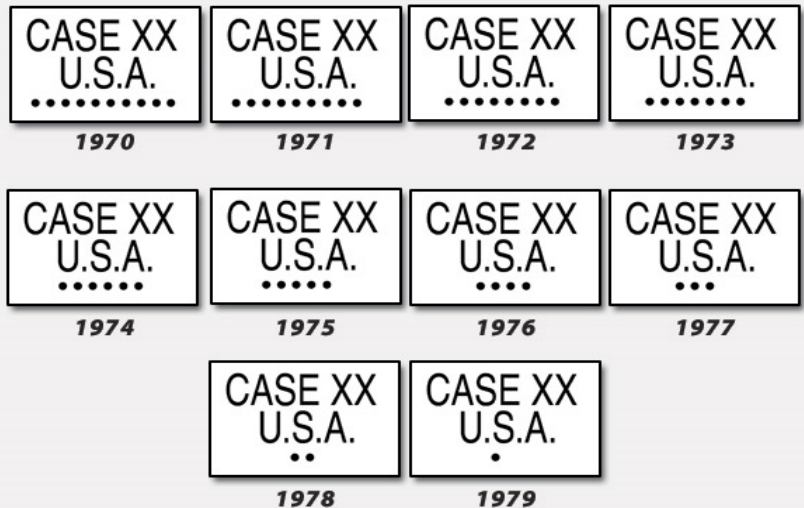
## ***Monthly Knife Show Schedule***

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

Nov 1-2 West Palm Beach - Expo Gun Show - National Guard Armory  
Nov 8-9 Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Centennial Park  
Nov 14-15 Ft Myers - Antique Militaria Show - St Celia's Catholic Comm. Center  
Nov 29-30 Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds

*Additional Florida Shows see Web site: [gunshowtrader.com/gunshows/Florida-gun-shows/](http://gunshowtrader.com/gunshows/Florida-gun-shows/)*

**CASE XX  
1970's  
Time  
Stamps**



# **FMKC WEB SITE**

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

***~NOTE~  
New Site***



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## The Impact of New Steel Tariffs on the Knife Industry

*Article Extracted from Knife Magazine Oct 2025*

In August, 2025, the U. S. government expanded its tariffs on steel and aluminum, imposing a 50% levy over 400 additional products categories, including finished goods like knives. Effective from August 18, these measures under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act target imports with steel or aluminum content, significantly disrupting the knife industry. Manufacturers, importers, and custom makers are facing heightened challenges as costs rise across the supply chain.

According to C. J. Buck, Chairman of Buck Knives and current President of industry trade group the American Knife and Tool Institute (AKTI), “We support the goal of strengthening U. S. manufacturing , but the shifting tariffs do make planning and pricing difficult.”

Jan Billeb, AKTI’s Executive Director noted, “For the last several months, the subject of tariffs has been the overarching and dominant theme of conversations within the knife industry. We know this will impact everyone from the largest brands that import knives to the small custom makers who rely on imported materials and equipment. We are just beginning to understand the effects and how they will impact the knife industry as a whole.

To that end, AFTI is in the process of surveying both member and non-member entities within the industry with the goal of quantifying the tariffs impacts, and establishing an “industry baseline for conversations with other trade organizations or members of Congress”, said Billeb. For more information on AKTI and its efforts to promote the knife industry, visit [www.AFTI.org](http://www.AFTI.org).

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