

April 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 March meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 11 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes consisted of a Boker 1774 Stockman and a American Blade Bone Handle Whittler. The winner of the Boker Stockman was won by Bill Cyphert and the American Blade Whittler went to Frank Veasley. Frank donated the Whittler back to the Club. The monthly 50/50 drawing for \$30 went to Russ Smegal. The best knife of the month was won by Bill Cyphert for his very unique Wenger Delemont.

*Next meeting Date: 1st of April – Free Door Prizes Drawing.  
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell  
March's Best Knife: Any 4 blade American made knife.*

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

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

Apr 5-6	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee County Civic Center
Apr 5-6	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Apr 12-13	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds
Apr 12-13	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds

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



**CASE XX  
AMBER BONE  
4 BLADE CONGRESS**



**REMINDER:** Annual Dues of \$10.00 are required by April 1st 2025. Non Payment will remove you from the club membership.



## **FMKC WEB SITE**

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

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New Site*



### **CLUB OFFICERS**

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## ***CONGRESS KNIFE PATTERN HISTORY***

**Origins:** The Congress knife's origins date back to at least the early 19th century, with the name possibly referring to the way the blades come together at the center of the handle.

**Target Audience:** The knife was initially designed for the Antebellum South, with blades chosen to meet the agricultural needs of the region, particularly in the cotton and tobacco industries.

**Blade Configurations:** The most common configuration is the four-blade pattern, featuring two large sheepfoot blades for primary cutting, and a small coping and pen blades for secondary tasks.

Other popular designs include the 2-blade and 6-blade versions.

**Uses:** The sheepfoot blades were used extensively in the cotton and tobacco industry, allowing users to cut twice as long before needing to sharpen.

Coping blades are used for scribing and grooving, pen blades for drilling or notching, and spear blades for carving or shaping.

**Historical Significance:** President Abraham Lincoln was known to carry a six-bladed ivory-handled Congress knife, which is now in the Library of Congress.

**Modern Popularity:** The Congress knife is still a favorite among carpenters and woodworkers, and it is produced with many blade configurations, the most popular of which are the 4-blade and 2-blade designs.



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