

May 2024

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 April meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 9 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes consisted of a Zippo Metal Lockback and a Colonial Swiss Master USA. The Zippo Lockback went to Frank Fulton and the Colonial was won by Bill Cyphert. There was no monthly 50/50 drawing held this month. The **BEST SPECIAL** featured knife was won by Barbara Philibert for her Small Pearl Bulldog Sunfish.

**Next meeting Date: 7th of May – Free Door Prizes Drawing.**

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

**May's Best Knife: Custom Made Automatic Folder Knife.**

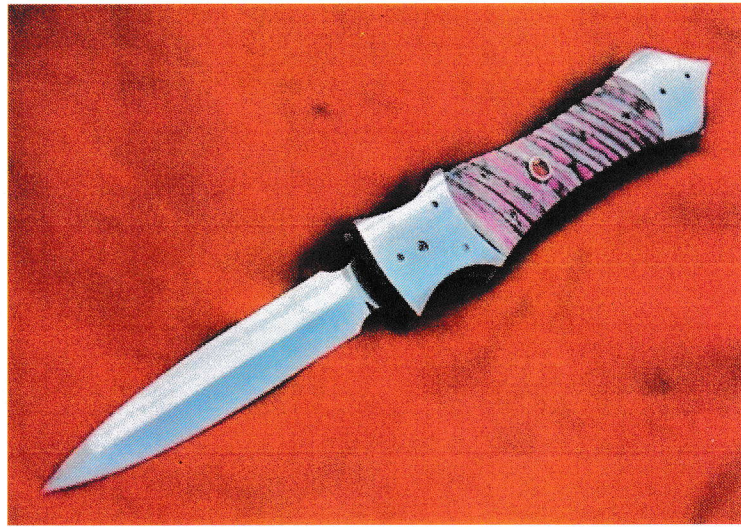
**Bring your best knife to win a Prize**

## Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

May 4-5	Venice - Expo Gun & Knife Show– Venice Community Center
May 11-12	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
May 18-19	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
May 25-26	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - Central Florida Fairgrounds

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



**Paul Panak "BURN"**  
**Custom Built XL**  
**Polished Phantom**  
**Switchblade Knife**

**\$2,175.00 - \$2,203.00**



## FMKC WEB SITE

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

**~NOTE~**  
**New Site**



### CLUB OFFICERS

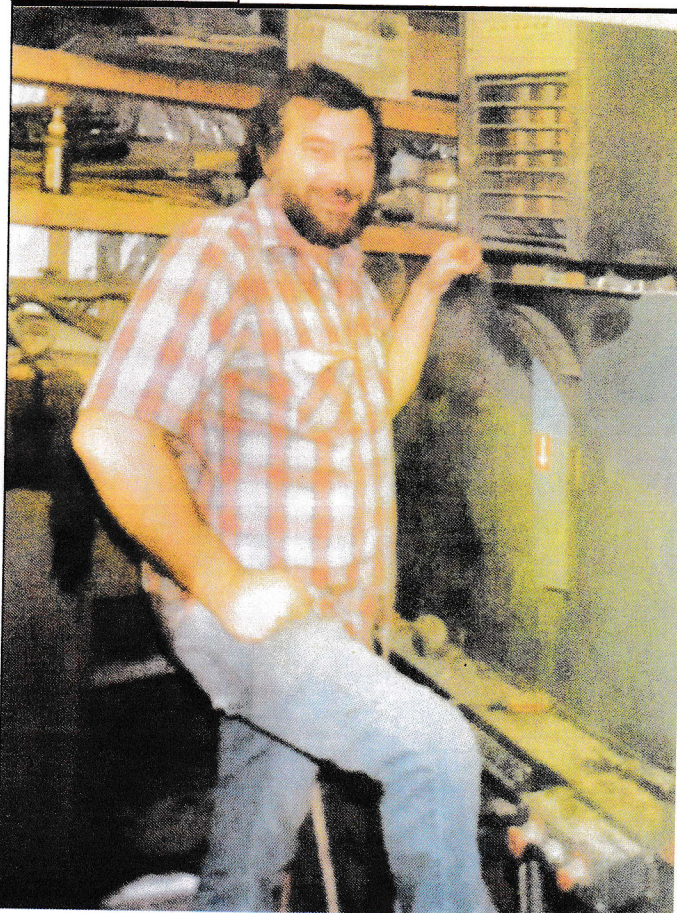
Bill Cyphert, Pres - (239) 851-0666 # Casey Philibert -Vice Pres (239) 565-5339 # Russ Smegal - Sec/Treas (239) 233-5611





## KNIFE MAKER - Bob Cargill Passes

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### Bob Cargill Passes

We recently learned of the death of Bob Cargill, who as many of you will recall was once an important part of the knife community.

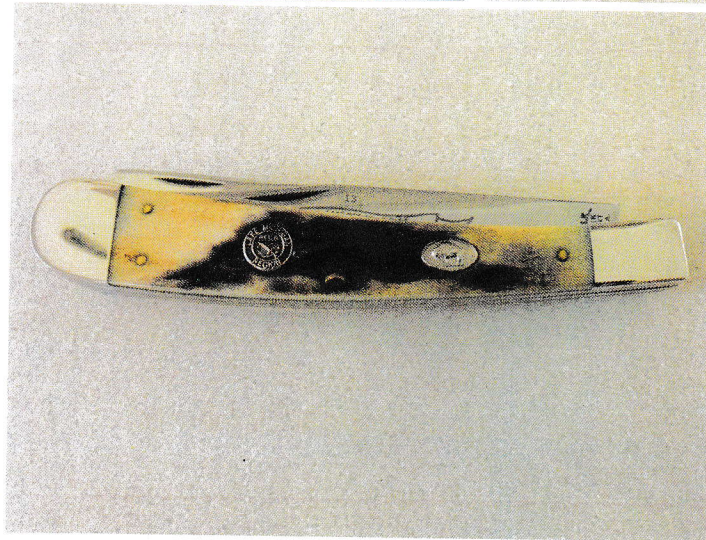
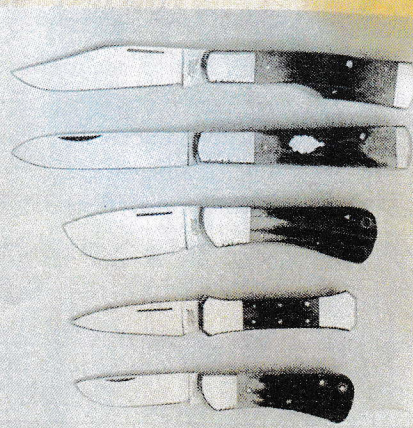
Bob was born in Kentucky in 1942 and served as an electrical worker until a car accident ended his career, resulting in the amputation of his right leg below the knee. He then began a new career as a custom knife-maker and in 1981 founded Cripple Creek Cutlery, the name being a nod to his injury. Cargill and

Houston Price of *Knife World*, this publication's predecessor, had a tight bond and Cargill made a few limited edition knives for *Knife World*, including the 1982 jack knife that Bob said, "put him on the map."

Cripple Creek produced slipjoint knives during a period in which they were largely overlooked by the custom knife community, laying the groundwork for the revival of interest in folding knives that continues today. The Cripple Creek brand was sold in 1993, and operated under Blackjack Knives until 1995.

Bob was a prominent member of The Knifemakers' Guild and very active in the American Edge Collectors Association (AECA) based in the Chicago area, and in the National Knife Collectors Association (NKCA). He served on the NKCA Board of Directors for many years, and eventually rose to become president.

Bob Cargill died on January 3rd, of complications following a stroke. We wish his family and friends our sincere condolences in their loss.



**1991 Cripple Creek  
Stag Banana Trapper**

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