

May 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 April meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had 14 members and guests in attendance. This month's door prizes consisted of a Boker Great American Story Knife and a Victorinox Fisherman. The winner of the Boker was won by David Masten and the Victorinox Fisherman went to Robert Coy Baughman II. The monthly 50/50 drawing for \$32 went to Bill Cyphert. The best knife of the month was won by Renate Taylor for her Belnap/John Primble 4 blade knife.

*Next meeting Date: 6th of May – Free Door Prizes Drawing.
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell
March's Best Knife: Any Grand Daddy Barlow Knife.*

Bring your best knife to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

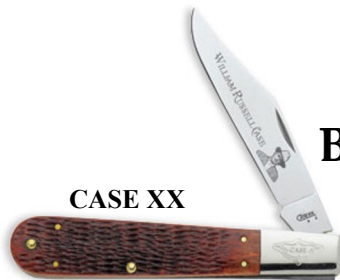
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOWS - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

May 3-4	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Roberts Arena
May 10-11	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
May 17-18	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
May 24-25	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds

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



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**GRAND
DADDY
BARLOWS**



FMKC WEB SITE

<https://mgmikutis.com/ftmyersknifeclub>

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New Site*



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John Russell Cutlery Company

Many industries just did not exist in the United States when we won our independence for England. From the beginning of colonization the colonies were forbidden to manufacture in certain industries like silk and cutlery forcing the colonies to buy the high tech products of the day from the mother country. People like John Russell felt the new United States should be able to manufacture high quality cutlery at competitive prices and sought to undercut the monopoly the Sheffield England Guilds had at the time. The poetic descriptions he read about the cutlery-making in Sheffield appealed to Russell and on the basis of this romantic attraction he adopted the manufacture of cutlery to be his life's work. The Russell Cutlery Company was established along the banks of the Green River in Greenfield MA. in 1833. In 1870 the company built a new factory in nearby Turners Falls MA. After difficult financial problems brought on by the depression the Harrington Cutlery Company of Southbridge MA. bought out Russell in 1933 and became Russell - Harrington Company. The merger brought together two famous names in Cutlery - Dexter and Russell and saved both companies from possible oblivion. The Russell factory continued for a while in Turners Falls but eventually all the companies consolidated at the Southbridge location. Today the companies survive as [Dexter - Russell](#). The Russell factory in Greenfield is considered by historians to have been the beginnings of the American Mass production metal working industry employing what has been known as the American Manufacturing System or Armory System to the cutlery industry.



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