

October 2010

Meetings are held at PERKINS Restaurant, 12300 S. Cleveland Ave. (US41), 2.5 miles South of Edison Mall or 1.2 miles North of Daniels Pkwy (SR865). First Tuesday of every month, 4:30 to 7:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The September meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 24 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Case XX Mini-Trapper and a Schrade Cliphanger. The winner of the Case knife was Jim Patton and the Schrade went to Bert Burnell. A 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$40 was Kenneth Napolitano. Congratulations to all the winners, you too can be a winner of our monthly door prizes, 50/50 and/or raffles just simply attend one of your monthly FMKC club meetings.

The meeting produced two (2) members for the club. The new members, Jim Kelley and John Burkhardt, are from Cape Coral, welcome aboard.

*Next meeting Date: Oct 5th - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Oct 2-3	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Oct 2-3	Orlando - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Oct 9-10	Lakeland - Florida Knife Makers Invitational - Lakeland Civic Center
Oct 9-10	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center
Oct 16-17	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds

FLORIDA KNIFEMAKERS' ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL KNIFE SHOW

Custom, Modern, Tactical, Art & Antique Knives

October 9th & 10th, 2010
Lakeland Center, Lakeland, Florida
Sat 10 - 6pm & Sun 9 - 4pm

----- Dealer Info -----

Setup: Saturday 8 - 10am Over 100 tables - \$85/ea
Contact Dan Piergallini (813) 967-1471 or (813) 754-3908

----- Admission -----

\$4/day or \$6/two day pass \$1.00 off with this flyer

WIN* Custom Handmade Knife Raffles *WIN

Collectorama Show with Coins, Currency, Antiques & Collectibles
will be running concurrent with the knife show



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



What is a Liner Lock Knife?

Because of the many uses for a knife, they were created to not only be useful but easy to carry around. After it was no longer socially acceptable or frankly, necessary to carry around a knife in a scabbard, a folding knife was developed. A folding knife is a style where the blade can be folded back into its handle. This design is meant to be both safe and portable.

The first of these were made with a hole or indent in the knife blade so that a person could use their fingernail to pull the knife out. However, this proved to be cumbersome and dangerous as well. It meant that in order to open up the knife you would need to use two hands, and also that it was possible to be hurt by the knife as it opened and closed. It was also possible that the knife would not stay open or closed as needed. This is why the liner lock knife system was invented. It was invented so that the knife could be opened and closed with one hand. This made the knife a lot safer, and allowed the tradition of carrying folding knives to continue.

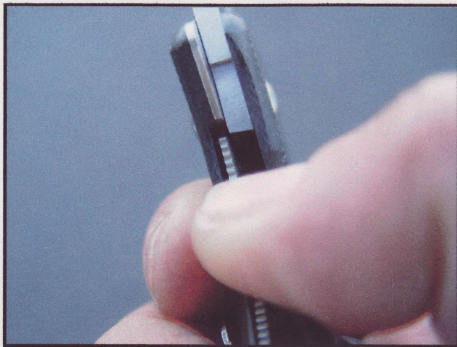
A liner lock knife is a knife that folds back in on itself, but one that has a liner lock, which is a way of using the knife with only one hand. It creates a smooth action and allows the user to be able to open and close the knife with the same hand they hold the knife. These are created so that a knife can be carried around, and opened and closed with minimal problems.

Liner lock knives were first known as electrician's knives and have been around since the 19th century. The knife is built such that when the knife is open, it is held in place by a leaf spring which is also called a lock bar. The lock bar or leaf spring holds the bottom of the blade and prevents it from closing. When the user of the knife wants the blade to close, he or she has to press the lock bar towards the handle side of the knife. This will allow the knife to snap closed. When the knife is closed, the lock bar will rest right on the handle of the knife, and out of the way.

In 1980, a knife maker by the name of Michael Walker took the original liner lock design and changed it slightly. He was able to change the leaf spring very slightly, which made it lock the blade open instead of simply keeping it straight. The changes that Walker made to the electricians knives allow the blade to truly be opened and closed using only one hand. In order to do this, Walker removed a back spring, as well as added a detent ball, which would hold the knife in the correct position. Both of these things were done so that the knife would be safer and easier to use. After Michael Walker developed this updated liner lock knife, many other knife making companies picked it up and began to use it. It is now one of the most popular forms of knives.

Most knife manufacturers create liner lock knives out of steel or titanium. This prevents them from rusting and allows them to maintain their color and sharpness for the duration of their lives. Because this knife has moving parts, it is important to use high-quality materials to ensure the usability and functionality of all of the moving parts.

The lock liner knife is designed to be a portable and functional knife that can be kept with you at all times for easy use. It is also designed to be a safe knife to have around the house or in with hunting and fishing equipment. You can keep it safe and secure when it is in the closed position, and you can snap it open in order to use it – knowing that it will stay securely open until you want to close it. Using a liner lock knife is one of the ways that you can always have your knife, but always have it safely.



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