

November 2011

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 October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 17 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Kershaw D. M. O. and a Parker Wildcat. The winner of the Kershaw was Jim McDonnell and the Parker went to Jim Niehaus. The 50/50 winner's share of \$43 went to James Slaasted. 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.

This month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE Award went to James Slaasted for Eye Brand Yellow Trapper. Next month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE will be your **Best Tactical Fighter Knife**. So bring your favorite fighter knife to impress the members and the judges. You may also be rewarded with a small prize from the club.

*Next meeting Date: November 1st – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
November's Best Special Feature Knife is : Best Tactical Fighter Knife*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Nov 5-6	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Shows - Lakeland Civic Center
Nov 5-6	Miami - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Show - Miami-Dade Fairgrounds
Nov 12-13	Bradenton Gun & Knife Exhibitors Inc - Bradenton Auditorium
Nov 12-13	West Palm Beach - Sport Shows Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Nov 19-20	Ft Myers - Antique Arms Collectors Show - Araba Shrine Temple
Nov 26-27	Fort Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Shows - War Memorial Auditorium
Nov 26-27	Orlando - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds

Ft Myers Knife Club Members enjoying the

Florida KNIFEMAKERS ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL KNIFE SHOW

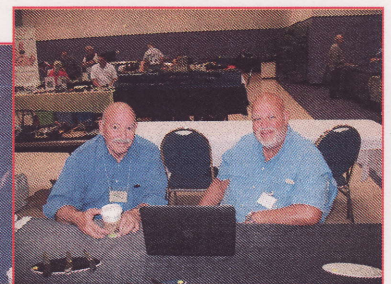
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**Russ & Dixie
at their sale tables....**



**Carol Betts showing
her husband's fine
knife work....**



**Tom Hurst & Ralph
Turnbull talking
knives.....**



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Evaluating A Custom Folder Knife by Darrel Ralph

Extracted from the Internet



1. Fit and finish **inside and out**. Look in the front end of the knife, at the stop area, and the linerlock ramp -- fit and finished? On a lockback, is the cam area and blade-end finished? Look inside, is the knife clean? What do you see?
2. Test for any wobble of the blade at the pivot. This is often considered an important test of a folder's construction especially if it is knife which will see use. Take the pressure off the liner (or backspine for lockbacks) while the blade is in the fully opened position and wobble the blade. This is the only accurate test because if the liner or lock is engaged you can't tell if the blade pivot is precise. On autos you may find a very small amount of play while on a linerlock or most lockbacks there should be none that you can feel. However, pin-together lockback folders will have a small amount of blade wobble with no load on the lock. This is due to the fact that there are no washers, and a zero-tolerance metal-to-metal fit will "gall" or bind. Generally the customer expects a very light & smooth action. Most expect the blade to fall when the knife is held upside down and the lock released, yet to still have minimal blade play, thus making use of a washer impossible. So makers have had to adjust their knives accordingly. As for linerlocks, they can and should be made with near zero side-play given the availability of the synthetic washer material we have today. One thing to take into consideration when looking at a previously owned knife is that the former owner may have loosened the pivot screw so they could "sling" the blade open, thus compromising the makers original "specs" for blade play.
3. Does the knife open smoothly? A good pivot opens smoothly, with very little friction (given the appropriate tension adjustment at the pivot); there is no wobble and no "ragged" feeling to the motion of the blade.
4. Detent (linerlocks). Is the knife blade detenting? Does it stay shut under normal usage?
5. The blade should be positioned so it is centered with respect to the frame when it is closed.
6. Lockbacks should stay shut when hung upside down. The degree of stiffness in the opening action is a personal preference and needs to be considered when judging the knife. In addition lockback knives, unless they are designed especially to not do so, should have an almost seamless fit where the blade meets the backspine (locking bar) when they are opened
7. Blade grinds can be another area to evaluate closely. In the choil area check that the grind radius matches on both sides of the blade. Hold the knife up to the light with the edge towards you and see if the grind lines match as they come down from the blade. Occasionally you'll see that the choil grinds will match but the radii sweeping from the grind downward won't. Also look at the tip. See if the grinds are the same and the blade is straight and the clip matches on both sides.
8. Liner lock-up and fit. For lockbacks does the lock wobble up and down? Will either unlock with pressure on the handle? Accidental unlocking is of more importance to a "using" knife than for one which is intended as a display piece.
9. Beware the term "looks like it will fail" when discussing the lockup of a liner. Locks have been known to fail that are on the left edge of the blade, on the center of the blade or all the way across the blade. Assuming the lock engages the blade by at least the thickness of the liner then there are two things that make for a positive lockup: (1) correct tension on the lock, and (2) a 90 degree angle on the lock face & proper angle on the blade. If these two things are correctly done the lock will hold, if not, the lock will fail no matter where it sits on the blade. So the only way to know is to apply pressure to the blade and see if it holds. Every customer has a preference as to where they want to see the lock.
10. Check for sharp edges and finish of the screw slots.
11. How clean and oil-free is the knife?

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