



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Lansky Sharpener and a U.S. Eagle Knife w/Tin Box. The winner of the sharpener went to Mike Mikutis and the Eagle knife was won by Bill Turner. The 50/50 drawing of \$35.00 went to Marty Elmore. 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** was for the best Foreign Made knife. The winner was Bill Cyphert for his 1985 Boker Damask knife made in Germany. The Best knife for November is: The best **Tactical Folder**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

Next meeting Date: November 5th – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
November's Best Special Feature Knife is : Tactical Folder
Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Nov 9-10	Englewood - Gun & Knife Show - VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Rd
Nov 9-10	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Nov 16-17	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Show - Lakeland Center
Nov 16-17	Naples - Gun & Knife Show - VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way - Off Pine Ridge Rd
Nov 23-24	Bradenton - Gun & Knife Show - American Legion Post 24, 2000 75th St. W.
Nov 23-24	Ft Myers - Gun & Knife, Civil War & Militaria Show - Araba Shrine Temple
Nov 30-Dec 1	Ft Myers - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Harborside Event Center (<i>New Show</i>)
Nov 30-Dec 1	Ft Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Nov 30-Dec 1	Orlando - Orlando Florida Gun Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds

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XM-2TS

Price: \$124.95



Size: 8" overall, Blade 3 3/8"

Blade material: Black N690C Cobalt enhanced Stainless Steel Cryo-Quenched

Handle: Machined Aircraft Aluminum with Ergonomic thumb ramp and finger groove

Dual Titanium liner locks



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



The History of the Pocket Knife

1st Century Romans created the first folding pocket knife. They made for easy carrying for soldiers and other explorers on their journeys and conquests. However, as the use of sheathed knives became more popular, the use of pocket knives fell somewhat into disfavor. By the late 16th Century, pocket knives began to regain popularity. They were especially popular in the American colonies. From farmers to lawyers, men from all walks of life started to carry them. The ultimate portable tool, the pocket knife was a useful aid in various tasks, including eating on the go. Pocket knives have been an essential tool for soldiers throughout American history. New York and New Hampshire required their militias to carry pocket knives during the American Revolution. Even George Washington toted one around as he led his troops. The U.S. Navy began issuing pocket knives to sailors during the Civil War. During WWII, the pocket knife was standard issue for American GIs.

Men have been carrying pocket knives for centuries. But with increased security at the airport and other buildings, knives have been disappearing from men's pockets. Yet these minor obstacles are not sufficient reason to give up carrying a knife completely. The carrying of a pocket knife is a man tradition that should be continued.

Why a Man Should Carry a Pocket Knife

Here are a few instances when a pocket knife can come in handy or just make the simple things in life more enjoyable:

- * Opening a box, cutting rope, tags and string.
- * Cutting an apple or any fruit.
- * Opening a letter. Sure, you could use your finger, but using a knife is just more manly.
- * Camping. How else will you sharpen your stick in preparation for stabbing your prey? And by prey I mean hot dog.
- * You never know when you're going to have to MacGyver your way out of a crisis. Be prepared.

What kind of pocket knife should you get?

Jack knife. A jack knife has a simple hinge at one end, and may have more than one blade. The jack knife is popular among hunters, fishermen, and campers.

Pen knife. A pen knife is hinged at both ends of the handle, and usually has two or three blades at each end. The pen knife was originally designed to cut or sharpen pen quills for writing. The pen knife is good if you want more than one type of blade. It's also small and lightweight and won't be noticeable in the pocket of dress clothes.

Multi-purpose knife. These are probably the most popular pocketknives. The Swiss Army knife and the Handyman are probably the most well known of the multi-purpose knives.

There are variations of these knife designs that you should take into account as well. Here are few to think about: **Lock blade knife.** The name of the blade explains it all. **Slip joint knife.** On a slip joint knife, the blade doesn't lock, but is held in place by a spring device that allows the blade to fold only if a certain amount of pressure is applied. Most pen knives or multi-purpose knives use the slip joint blade. Because the blade is less stable, it should only be used for light jobs.

Friction folder knife. This is another method of a non-locking blade. Friction folder knives use friction between the blade and the scales to hold the blade in place once opened.

One handed opening. Newer knives have a feature that allows for one handed opening. On the top of the blade, there is a hole that enables you to place the pad of your thumb in. Just press up and BAM, you got an open knife. This feature makes using a pocket knife much easier, especially when you have your hands full.

(Tongue In Cheek extraction from the internet)

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