



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 18 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Frost all-Metal Lockback and a Kizlyar Ball Cap. The winner of the Frost knife was Frank Veasley and the Kizlyar cap went to Vincent Panettieri. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$40 was won by new member: Frank O'Neil. 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 **Custom Folder Knife**. The winner was Bill Cyphert for his Bob Morgan's small Ivory 3-blade Sowbelly (see Pic). The Best Special 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 4th – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share
November's Best Special Feature Knife is : Tactical Folder.*



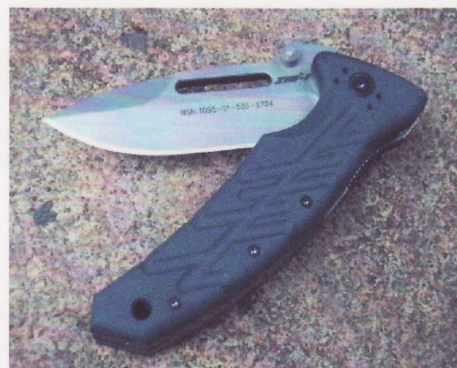
Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Nov 8-9	Naples - Gun Shows Florida - VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way
Nov 8-9	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Nov 8-9	Lakeland - Suncoast Gun Show - Lakeland Center
Nov 15-16	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Bradenton Convention Center
Nov 22-23	Englewood - Gun Shows Florida - VFW 10178, 550 McCall Rd
Nov 22-23	Ft Myers - Gun, Knife, Civil Show - Araba Shrine Temple - Hanson St
Nov 22-23	Ft Lauderdale - Suncoast Gun Show - War Memorial Auditorium
Nov 29-30	LaBelle - Gun Shows Florida - LaBelle Civic Center
Nov 29-30	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds

The thickness of this folder is the first thing that catches your attention. The XM-1 is built for a comfortable grip and dependable control whether you're bare-handed or wearing gloves. The large ergonomic handle, and all other aspects of this knife for that matter, were designed by the Ontario Knife Company for longevity during hard military use, while being low maintenance in the field. This heavy folder weighs in at 6 ounces. The drop-point blade is 3.375 inches long and crafted from N690Co stainless steel with a hardness of 58-60 HRC, which translates into years of dependable service though adverse conditions. This knife is suitable for right-handed or left-handed use with the dual thumb studs and reversible pocket clip. It opens smoothly and quietly, and locks open with a stout titanium liner lock. The aircraft aluminum handle has a respectable pattern for good grip. This Italian-made knife is of the highest quality, and it has been deployed for combat around the world. MSRP: \$250

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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Knife Drawing Speed Comparison

**Switch Blade, Butterfly Knife, Spyderco,
Cold Steel, Common Pocket Knife**

Extracted From the Internet

I live in Hawaii where there is a ban on switch blades and butterfly (Filipino balisong) knives. Apparently, the reasoning behind these bans is that these types of knives are inherently more dangerous than other legal folding knives due to their rapid, one-hand deployment. I wondered if this distinction was accurate, so I tested the speed of presentation of five different blades: a Benchmade switch blade, a butterfly knife, a Spyderco Delica 4, a Cold Steel "Espada", and a common pocket knife. The switch blade was legally owned by a military officer. The butterfly knife was a legal, dull-edged training version, while the others are legal to carry in Hawaii.

To deploy a folding knife, one must first pull the blade from a pocket or carrying system before unfolding the knife. The old argument is that a switch blade or balisong is too dangerous to be entrusted to the public because a citizen can pull and quickly open the blade with one hand. But do these two actually have a decisive advantage on speed of deployment? To test the speeds, I started with the knife in my pocket and my hand grasping the knife in a manner conducive to opening. The person timing gave the command "draw" while pushing the start button on the stopwatch. The timer hit stop after the blade clicked into the locked position. In reality, a little extra time would be required to achieve a functional grip, but just timing until the locked position was empirically more accurate since the timer would have to visually judge when a proper grip was achieved. Please note that there is certainly some variance due to the impossibility of having the exact same draw stroke each time, but that variance is minimal. I did only did four draws for each knife as I found that the difference per draw was very slight. Also, I did not go at absolute full speed. I did smooth, efficient draw.

Here are the draw times for each knife, starting in the pocket with my hand on the knife and ending when the blade was open and locked in place:

Switch Blade	0.9, 1.0, 0.9, 1.0 Average = 0.95 seconds
Butterfly knife	1.3, 1.4, 1.2, 1.5 Average = 1.35 seconds
Spyderco	0.9, 0.9, 1.0, 0.9 Average = 0.925 seconds
Cold Steel "Espada"	0.5, 0.7, 0.6, 0.6 Average = 0.6 seconds
Pocket Knife	1.0, 0.9, 1.0, 0.9 Average = 0.95

The Cold Steel "Espada" was by far the fastest. This was due to the "thumb plate" that can catch on the pocket hem so that the blade opens as the knife is pulled. Very quick and legal.

The Spyderco was second fastest. It has a ring at the top of the blade which is grasped between the thumb and forefinger. As soon as the knife clears the pocket a snap of the wrist locks open the blade. Very fast and legal.

Interesting to me is that the switch blade and the pocket knife tied for third. The pocket knife I used did have a stud in the blade so that one can push the blade open with thumb as the blade clears. The switch blade needs to be taken all the way out of the pocket before depressing the button to pop open the knife.

Slowest by far is the much-maligned butterfly knife. I started with the lock open and pinched between my thumb and forefinger for the quickest type of butterfly knife draw. I drew the knife, snapped down and up, the handle swung out and upward into my hand so I ended with a reverse grip. This is quicker than the more common 3-count opening that most people use. For fun, I timed the 3-count opening and got an average of 1.45 seconds.

So why are butterfly knives and switch blades illegal? It clearly doesn't have anything to do with superior quickness of deployment. I suppose the lawmakers watched a few too many action flicks where the switch blades and butterfly knives were in the hands of the bad guys. **Burton Richardson**

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