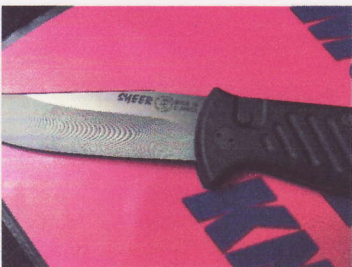




Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance 12 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a American Blade stockman and a Kershaw Crown lockback. The winner of the Stockman was Barb Philibert and the Kershaw went to Marty Elmore. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$25 went to Bill Cyphert. 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 folder. The winner was Casey Philibert. (See Pic). Casey brought in a S. Africa Automatic knife made by SHEER. The Best Special knife for November is for the best: USA Made Tactical Fighter. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.



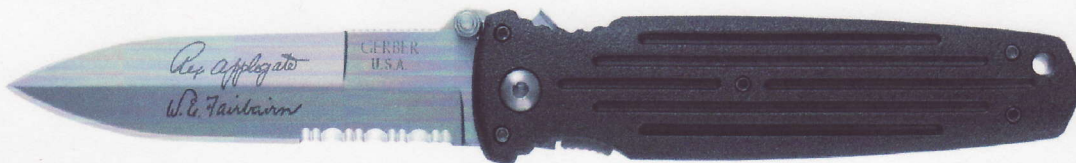
*Next meeting Date: Nov 3rd – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share
November's Best Special Feature Knife is : USA Tactical Fighter Folder.*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Oct 31-Nov1	Miami - Florida Gun Shows - Miami/Dade Fairgrounds
Oct 31-Nov1	Englewood - FPL Gun Show - VFW Post 10178/550 N. McCall Rd
Nov 7-8	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Manatee County Civic Center
Nov 14-15	West Pal Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Nov 14-15	Lakeland - Florida Gun Shows - Civic Center
Nov 21-22	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds
Nov 21-22	Ft Lauderdale - Florida Gun Shows - War Memorial Auditorium
Nov 28-29	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds

Pictured below is the premier tactical fighter knife. The Applegate-Fairbairn fighting knife is a combat knife that was designed by Colonel Rex Applegate and William E. Fairbairn as a version of the Fairbairn-Sykes fighting knife. The blade has a similar double-edged dagger profile, but is wider and more durable. It features a different handle, made most commonly of lexan plastic with adjustable lead weights which can change the knife's balance-point.



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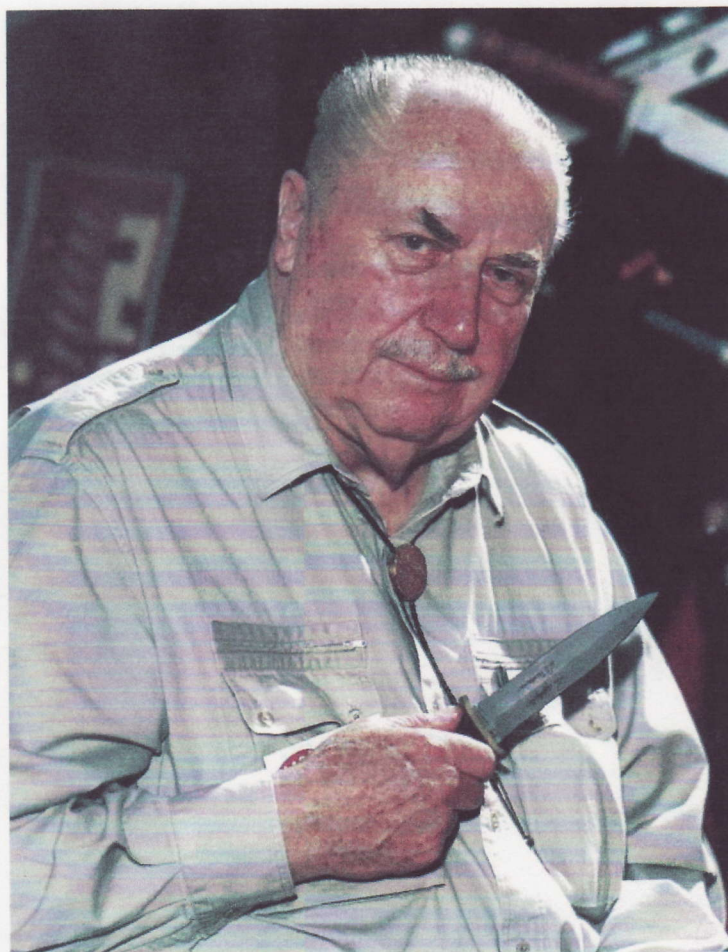
Applegate-Fairbairn fighting knife

While Applegate was a student of Fairbairn, he came up with a series of modifications to Fairbairn's Dagger and worked with Fairbairn on implementing them. Applegate first approached Randall Made Knives with their design. Bo Randall made a handful of prototypes based on his "Model 2 Dagger" and sent them to soldiers for field testing, they proved not to be popular with the troops and Randall declined to produce the knife beyond the original prototypes.

Applegate took the design to custom knifemaker Bill Harsey, Jr. who made several prototypes for Al Mar Knives. In 1995, Harsey would design a folding version for Gerber Legendary Blades, which won the 1996 International Blade Show "American Made Knife of the Year" award.

After Al Mar ceased production of the A-F fighting knife, a number of variations were made by Blackjack Knives, Gerber and Böker Knives, all with limited degrees of success. The US Military Stock Number for the Gerber folding version is NSN: 5110-01-436-1548.

Type	<u>Dagger</u>
Place of origin	US
Service history	
In service	US
Used by	US
Production history	
Designer	<u>William Ewart Fairbairn and Rex Applegate</u>
Designed	1941
Manufacturer	<u>Al Mar Knives, Blackjack Knives, Gerber Legendary Blades, Böker</u>
Specifications	
Length	11 inches (28 cm)
Blade length	6 inches (15 cm)
<u>Blade type</u>	Dagger
<u>Hilt type</u>	Ilexan
<u>Scabbard/sheath</u>	leather
Head type	Metal
<u>Haft type</u>	Metal



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