

Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The October meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 14 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of two (2) American Blade Knives, both were Lock Backs. Tom Hurst and Jim McDonnell were the lucky winners of the knives. The monthly 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$20 went to Coy Baughman III. An auction was held for a Case XX Railroad Engineer hat that was donated by Marvin Franz. The winning bid was \$50 entered by Russ Smegal. The club again thanks Marvin Franz for his generous donations to the club. 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 <u>Best Special</u> knife for the month was your best <u>German Made Switchblade</u>. The winner was Mike Mikutis for his Kissing Crane German Switchblade. The Best Special knife for November is your **Best Tactical Fighter Straight Knife**.

Next meeting Date: Nov 7th – Free Door Prizes Drawing Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and /or Sell November's Feature Knife is: Best Tactical Fighter Straight Knife.

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

- Nov 4-5 Cape Coral FBL Military Museum Gun Show 4820 Leonard St.
- Nov 11-12 Lakeland Florida Gun Show Lakeland Center
- Nov 11-12 West Palm Beach Sports Show Specialists South Florida Fairgrounds
- Nov 18-19 Ft Lauderdale Florida Gun Show War Memorial Auditorium
- Nov 18-19 Port Charlotte 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show Charlotte County Fairgrounds
- Nov 18-19 Ft Myers Gun, Knife, Civil War Show Araba Shrine Temple
- Nov 25-26 Orlando Florida Gun Show Central Florida Fairgrounds

MTech USA XTREME MX-8054 Series Fixed Blade Tactical Fighter Knife



Tanto Blade, G10 Handles, 11-Inch Overall



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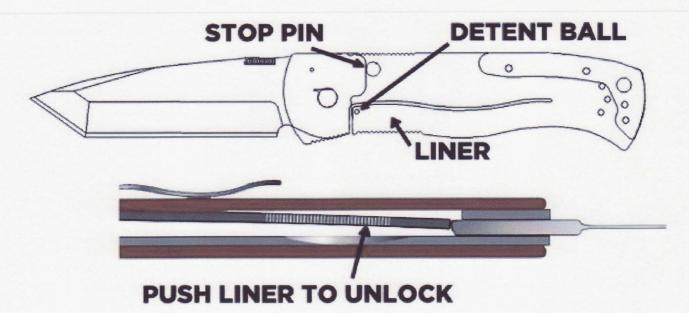


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Liner Lock

Liner locks are probably the most common form of lock on modern folding knives – for ease of use, ease of assembly, and cost, it's hard to beat a liner lock. They're not the most exciting or creative lock but when executed properly they can be great.



The basic design uses one of the blade's liners, cut out and bent to create a spring effect, to engage the back of the blade tang when the blade is opened. While liner locks have been around for a long time, the modern implementation of the liner lock is credited to custom knifemaker **Michael Walker**, who made two important upgrades: using a **stop pin** anchored to the scales to precisely align the blade when open, and adding a **detent ball** on the liner lock to hold the blade closed, providing a snappy opening action — as well as added safety to keep the blade from accidentally opening.

Pros: Simple to use, inexpensive to make, familiar to almost anyone that's ever used a folding knife, allows for a fast opening action thanks to the ball detent.

Cons: The user's fingers are in the path of the blade when closing, not normally suited for heavy-duty use due to the thin nature of the liner itself.

Insider Tip: Look for where the liner engages relative to the tang of the blade – enthusiasts refer to this as "early" or "late." An early engagement (closer to the locking liner side) is much safer than "late" engagement (towards the non-locking liner) as force on the blade will naturally move the lock away from the locking side. If the liner engages very late it can slide off of the tang and the blade can close on your hand. Also check for side to side blade play when locked open and if possible (i.e. if the knife has an adjustable pivot) tune any play out – it's a balancing act with liner locks to get the pivot action just right.

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