



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The February meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 20 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Frost Dale Earnhardt Jr. knife and a Case XX Wall Plaque & a tube of Case XX polish. Bill Cyphert won the Earnhardt knife and the Case XX items went to Barbara Philibert. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$40.00 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. The **Best Special** knife for the month was won by Russ Smegal for his Factory Made Stag Trapper.

Next meeting Date: 3rd of March – Free Door Prizes Drawing.

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

March's Feature Knife will be your best: Switchblade Knife

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Mar 7-8	Englewood - Florida Gun Show/Expo - Englewood Event Center
Mar 14	Ft Myers - Gun, Knife and Civil War - Araba Shrine Temple
Mar 14-15	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Mar 21-22	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Mar 21-22	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Mar 28-29	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows Bradenton Convention Center

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2020 are due. In order to maintain all privileges of the club you need to fulfill this requirement. The Annual Dues are \$10.00 or you may consider becoming a Life Member, this a one-time fee of \$75.00. If you are unsure that your dues are paid for 2020 please contact the club secretary at 239.233.5611 or e-mail: rsmegal@comcast.net. You may pay your dues at any upcoming club meeting or submit payment to the club's address: FMKC, PO Box 706, St James City, FL 33956-0706. Checks will be accepted, however all checks must be endorsed to **RUSSELL SMEGAL**. Any other endorsement will result in return of your check. Sorry..

13" Italian Switchblade



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



What does OTF knife stand for?

An **OTF Knife**, also known as an **out-the-front knife**, **sliding knife**, or **telescoping knife**, is a [pocketknife](#) with a blade that opens and closes through a hole in one end of the handle. Contrast this with the majority of knives, which are either standard folding knives or are "fixed blade" sheath knives (having no mechanical operation).

"OTF" only refers to the basic portion of the knife's mechanical operation where the [blade](#) slides parallel with the handle to deploy.

OTF knives may be further subdivided into manual sliding knives, which are not restricted as inertia knives, and automatic OTF switchblade knives and gravity knives, which are restricted offensive [weapons](#). The automatic OTF knife blade travels within an internal track or channel in the same manner as a manual slider or gravity knife. But the automatic main spring drive and button mechanism enclosed within requires a switchblade handle to be thicker or longer than a similar size gravity or sliding [knife](#). The term "Slider" is usually not applied.

There are two types of "Out the Front" automatic knives, DA-OTF (double-action) and SA-OTF (single-action). Double-action OTF knives deploy and retract with a multifunction button and spring design. Single-action OTF knives deploy automatically, but must be manually cocked or retracted to close.

Despite popular belief and movie magic, double-action OTF automatic knives are not powerful enough to open when pressed against an opponent and then pushing the button. Double-action sliding autos are only spring-powered 10 to 12 millimeters; afterwards, kinetic impetus slides the blade to full open. This is possibly a misbelief based on confusion with the [ballistic knife](#) which has a secondary handle tube with a robust coil spring for launching a fixed blade knife. However, some single-action autos, such as the **Microtech Halo V**, have enough power to penetrate a human target. The cost of the Halo V is well over \$500.



Microtech Halo V

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