

May 2023

Meetings are held at Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Que, 1641 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, located on Rte 41 (Bus) between Pine Island Rd (SR78) & the Edison Bridge. First Tuesday of every month, at 4:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The April meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members & guests. This month's door prizes considered of a Imperial 2 Blade & a tube of Case Polishing Paste and a American Blade Lock Back & a tube of Case Polishing Paste. Frank Veasley won the Imperial and the American Blade went to Barbara Philibert. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$22 was won by Jim McDonnell. The **BEST SPECIAL** featured knife for the month was won by Bill Cyphert for his 1976 Case XX Stag Bicentennial folder. NOTE: This month's 11 entries were the most entries of any month in our club's **BEST KNIFE** history. Thank you all for your entries.

***Next meeting Date: 2nd of May 2023 – Free Door Prizes Drawing.
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell
May's Best Knife: Any Factory Made Lockback Folder***

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

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

May 6-7	Venice - Expo Gun Show - Venice Community Center
May 6-7	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
May 20-21	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
May 20-21	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds

For Additional Florida Shows see Web site: gunshowtrader.com/gunshows/florida-gun-shows/

20th Century Barlow Lockback



A.G. RUSSELL KNIFE (CM-10)



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LOCK-BLADE KNIVES

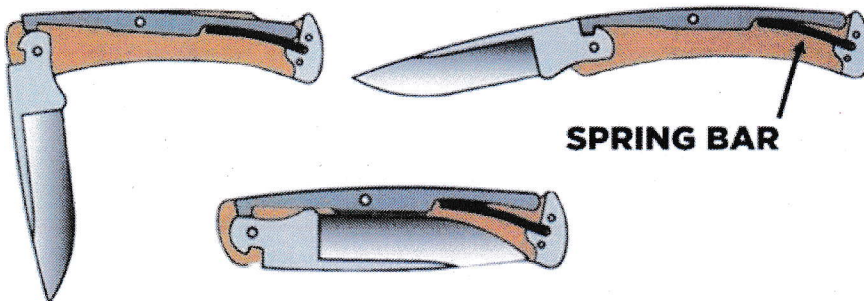
Knives with locking blades, often referred to as *lock-blade knives* or *clasp knives*, have a locking mechanism that locks the blade into its fully opened position. This lock must be released in a distinct action before the knife can be folded. The lock-blade knife improves safety by preventing accidental blade closure while cutting. It is this locking blade feature that differentiates the lock-blade knife from either the *peasant knife* or the *slipjoint* spring-back knife. Locking knives also tend to be larger: it is easier to fit a lock into a larger frame, and larger knives are more likely to be used for more forceful kinds of work. The cost of a locking mechanism is also proportionally less than it would be on a smaller, and generally cheaper, knife.

Lock-blade knives have been dated to the 15th century. In Spain, one early lock-blade design was the [Andalusian clasp knife](#) popularly referred to as the [navaja](#). [Opinel](#) knives use a twist lock, consisting of a metal ferrule or barrel ring that is rotated to lock the blade either open or closed. In the late 20th century lock-blade pocketknives were popularized and marketed on a wider scale. Companies such as [Buck Knives](#), [Camillus](#), [Case](#), and [Gerber](#), created a wide range of products with locks of various types. The most popular form, the *lockback knife*, was popularized by Buck Knives in the 1960s, so much that the eponymous term "buck knife" was used to refer to lockback knives that were not manufactured by Buck.

The lockback's blade locking mechanism is a refinement of the slipjoint design; both use a strong back-spring located along the back of the knife handle. However, the lockback design incorporates a hook or lug on the backspring, which snaps into a corresponding notch on the blade's heel when the blade is fully opened, locking the blade into position. Closing the blade requires the user to apply pressure to the spring-loaded bar located towards the rear of the knife handle to disengage the hook from the notch and thus release the blade.¹

The [Walker Linerlock](#), invented by knifemaker [Michael Walker](#), and the *framelock* came to prominence in the 1980s. In both designs the liner inside the knife is spring-loaded to engage the rear of the blade when open and thus hold it in place.^[21] In the case of the *framelock*, the liner is the handle, itself. The [Swiss Army knife](#) product range has adopted dual linerlocks on their 111 mm models. Some models feature additional "positive" locks, which essentially ensure that the blade cannot close accidentally. [CRKT](#) has patented an ["Auto-LAWKS"](#) device, which features a second sliding switch on the hilt. It can operate as any linerlock knife if so desired, but if the user slides the second control up after opening, it places a wedge between the linerlock and the frame, preventing the lock from disengaging until the second device is disabled.

Common Lockback



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