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JUNE MEETING

Our thanks to Way Engineering and Steve Procter for allowing us to meet in their airconditioned classroom.

Tom Colby shared with us his expertise on Japanese Tools. Their use and sharpening. Japanese tools are about the same price as Western Tools, inexpensive planes are under \$50.00. There is a price difference on chisels--\$30.00 for a Japanese tool vs around \$12.00 for a Western chisel.

Chisels--Edge tools have to be a comprise between hardness which is brittle, and soft but malleable steel. Japanese laminate hard steel to a soft shank. this was also done in the early days of Colonial America because of a scarcity of tool steel.

Planes--Western planes are pushed, with moving parts to adjust a thin blade. Japanese planes are pulled, with a thick blade and no moving adjustments. Blades are friction-fit. Plane bodies must be pared to allow for adjustment.

Saws-- Saws are pulled. thus saws can be thin--thinner metal makes for a very narrow saw kerf and a faster cut. The main problem with Japanese saws is getting them sharpened. They must be sharpened by experts --in Japan! Most people buy replacement blades. Blades are harder--more brittle than Western tools.

One saw has two edges--for doing mortise and tenon work. One edge for cross cut and one for rip.

Other tools: Marking knives, paring knives. Very useful. "Marking Pencil" is bamboo cut to a point and dipped in ink. The ink lines are later planed off. Western substitute---fine point felt tip pens. Watch out for water soluble ink.

Sharpening---Water Stones--softer than Western stone, more porous / 800, 1000, 1200 grit. Flatten stone on plate glass and wet dry sandpaper 300--400 grit. Use a finer stone for polished, sharp edge--6000 grit.

Tool steel will rust. Oil after sharpening. Camillia oil or white (baby) mineral oil or 30 wt. engine oil.

Never use a grinder on Japanese Tools it will draw the temper out of the steel.

CHARITY SHOW

At the meeting we had presernt a MAKE-A-WISH Mother Joanne McGill. She described for us what is like to have a wish granted. Joanne's 4 year old daughter wanted to visit Disneyland, while they were at Disneyland they were treated like VIP'S, including visits from Disney their characters. The Families of a make a wish child could not have afforded trips like these because of their childs illness.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation has never denied a child a wish (unless a child dies before it can be granted). Children are granted wishes if under the age of 18 and diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

They have 47 wish children in Houston and 7 in the McAllen/ Corpus Christi area. A Wish child is interviewed separately to make sure it is the child's wish.

Travel is sometimes difficult--some wishes must be granted locally. Airlines contribute complimentary and lowest fares possible.

About 94% of donations are used in granting wishes. The staff members are all volunteers--no paid staff members. Their only expenses are for things like office supplies, etc.

Local funds benefit local children.

The members of the Woodworkers Club of Houston voted unanimously in favor of the MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION as the Charity we will work for at our Annual October Charity Show.

NEW BUSINESS

Leonard Eckholm sent out 9 letters to firms investigating group purchases of sandpaper,

clamps, and router bits. He received several replies. MVP will offer group purchase options.

Don Richardson reported that we have approximately \$1900 in the Treasury. Which should be sufficient for publication of our newsletter for the rest of the year.

Membership cards are ready and the Membership forms need to be filled out. Please see the Membership committee.

WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

Chuck Maxwell held a Raised Panel Clinic in June.

Bill Beggs will hold a Bandsaw Box Clinic in July.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Sharon Buckley

In the last Newsletter we had a list of all the Committees, in my haste I left one Committee off of the Charity Show---The Two Members in charge of the Demonstrations---Bill Beggs and Chuck Maxwell --Sorry Fellas. Please add there names to you list.

I also listed Bob Soderblom as Project Coordinator, but he will be unable to serve in this position. Would you like to be project coordinator--big name but not so big a job but always important.

As Steve explained, at last months meeting we all voted for the Make-A-Wish Foundation as the charity to accept our many efforts

All we ask from the members is a little of your time, time to do something that we all love to do, make something in your shop, work with a group making items and also to donate a little of your time in October for our Woodworkers Club Of Houston Charity Show in the Northwest Mall.

Just take a little of your time to benefit some very deserving children. A few weekends in your shop is alot easier than running 26 miles, walking 12 miles, bicycling to Las Vegas or riding a bucking bronco as some groups do to raise money.

The economy is better than it was last year but we can't make money if we don't have the items.

I know everyone is busy but if you start now on something. You can do it in leisure and have plenty of time to make an item or items for the show.

Everyone benefits with your donation. Remember our monies go to the kids, who will never make it to adulthood, but we can help with their one wish--from as little as a Birthday Party to wanting to see a Rainbow.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Kurt Fortenbach seeks a source of brass inlaid drop leaf hinges. Try Century Hardware on Alabama.

Ron Kuenning wanted the best way to cover

paneling with paint. First cover paneling with a white pigmented shellac (Kilz, etc.) , which will cover stains or dark paint and then paint over it with latex.

Liquid Gold treated cabinets may be difficult to paint over. Use naphtha solvent to clean.

Jack Goddard, (Brand Name), #1 is best available commercial stripper. Contact Finisher Supply.

Poly Lacquer dries very quickly, available at Finisher Supply and comes in 5 gal. containers. Perhaps other members would like to buy and divide into 1 gal. containers.

Drying wood for turning--use paraffin or diluted Elmers glue on end grain to prevent drying too quickly. M. Chandler uses a microwave oven with small wood. (WARNING DO NOT USE ON HIGH POWER, USE ONLY ON LOW OR DEFROST AND TURN OVEN ON FOR SHORT PERIODS---AS WOOD CAN CATCH ON FIRE)

Problem with Hegner scroll saw. Blades may be flexing. Try increasing tension. Blade quality may be a problem.

Tung oil has a short life. Throw out the old stuff.

Contact Cement---thin with toluene. WATCH OUT VERY EXPLOSIVE.

SAFETY

By Zatis Murphy

While Sandy and I were planning our first driving vacation in many years (we usually fly) I thought it might be worthwhile this month to talk a bit about safe driving rather than safe woodworking. Some of you may be going on vacation, too, and here are some tips.

Be a defensive driver. Be alert and use foresight, good judgement and skill. (The latter certainly applies to woodworking, too.)

When driving, just drive. Don't let yourself get distracted by things in the car or along the roadside.

Wear seat belts at all times, even on short trips and at slower speeds. Make sure that all the passengers do the same.

Stay at least 2 seconds behind the car in front of you. Increase the distance more under adverse road conditions. If someone in front of you stops unexpectedly, you'll have time to stop safely.

Avoid jack rabbit starts and weaving in and out of traffic. Obey posted speed limits. Be cautious and yield the right of way even if you think you are in the right. You could be DEAD RIGHT !

Make sure your vehicle is in proper working order.....tires, headlights, taillights, mirrors, brakes, etc.

NEVER DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRIVE ! Be cautious about medication, too; some

can make a person drowsy.

If you should have car trouble on the road, get it as far out of the traffic flow as possible. Mark its position with flares, flags or reflectors. Use your warning lights. If it's not safe to work on the problem.....don't try.

Are you a safe driver? Turn these tips into habit, and you will be.

BUY AND SALE

Rockwell 11" x 36" Lathe with knives. 1/2 HP motor and factory stand. Brand new---used 30 minutes. \$450.00 Victor Theriault---288-4075.

SHOW AND TELL

Chuck Maxwell showed us a plate and cup rail.

Tom Gathright had a magazine rack of scrap oak, plywood and plexiglass.

Bob Soderblom had a cross with a Methodist symbol. He had a Cherry cradle made from old wood, old plans and old tung oil. Instant new old antique.

We discussed shipping of large wood objects--use 1/4" plywood and 1x pine to make a crate. Use foam sheeting and plastic peanuts. Check UPS for length/girth/weight requirements prior to building the crate.

CLUB NEWS

Our sympathies to the family of Dr. James Bradley, who passed away. A sympathy card was signed by all the members.

SHOP TALK

By Don Sloan

When using a high speed drill and bit, have you ever been upset when the bit skipped off the mark? One way to eliminate this problem is to make a small punch mark, turn your drill to reverse, press down firmly and spin the bit. It will make a nice "v" or cone shaped hole. Hold the drill firmly in the "v" and turn to forward. You will find that the bit doesn't skip as bad off of the mark. By the way--the new Black and Decker high speed bits are good, but not the whole answer.

PRODUCTS NOW AVAILABLE LOCALLY

There has been a lot of interest in Bartley's Paste Stain and Varnish, until now has only been available by Mail Order.

MVP Sharpeners at 10817 South Post Oak Rd. 721-3650 is now stocking "The Bartley Collection" Paste Stain and Paste Varnish and Bartley Wood Filler.

MVP is mainly in the sharpening business, Van Williams wants everyone to know that they cannot advise on finishes. They have an Oak and Pine display to assist in selection of colors, it is their opinion that Bartley has formulated a dummy proof finishing product if Bartley's

instructions are followed.

Any person identifying themselves as a Woodworkers Club Member will receive 10% discount off the following prices 1/2 pint--\$3.92 Pint--\$6.33 Quart \$10.59 and Bartley Wood Filler is \$6.65 per Pint.

JULY MEETING

WHEN: JULY 9TH 9:00 A.M.

WHERE: WAY ENGINEERING CLASSROOM
5304 ASBROOK

PROGRAM: HARDWOODS

Ray Boiles will be conducting a program on Hardwood Lumber. Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask.

DIRECTIONS: Take the 610 Loop and exit at Fournace/Bissonett, which is the first exit South of the Southwest Freeway(Hwy. 59). Turn west onto Fournace. Proceed to Royalton and turn South, go to the next street which is Ashbrook turn west.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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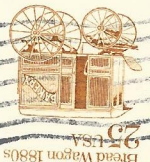
FIELD TRIPS AND SHOP TOURS??????????????

We would like to visit Cold Springs the last Saturday of the Month, which is July 30th. I have been unable to confirm with Mr. Dove by the time this newsletter must go to press, but I hope to have information at the July meeting. If your interested and can't come to the July meeting call me , Sharon at 944-6739 .

Due to vacations and the hot weather we are going to wait and have the shop tours after August.

Would you like to join the WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON????????????? Bring your \$12.00 to the meeting or send to WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON P.O. BOX 34481 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77234.

Would you like to advertise in the WOODWORKERS CLUB OF HOUSTON NEWSLETTER. For a flat fee of \$100.00 you will have your business listed in 12 issues of this newsletter and receive Membership Rosters, updated periodically, with the names and addresses of all members.



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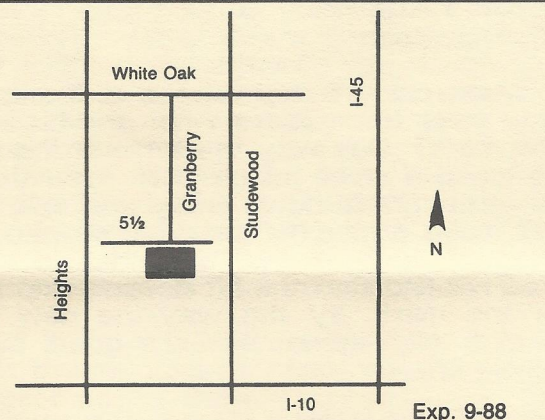
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