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### JULY MEETING

The speaker, our own Walt Turpening, gave a mind-stretching demonstration in design and sculpture of wood that feels good to the touch. His art pieces are not only forms of esthetic beauty, but also have mathmatic functions such as spirals, parabola, and hyperbola, work out on his personal computer.

His is certainly an interesting and unique corner in the world of woodworking. Thanks, Walt, for a fine presentation.

Also, thanks to Gibbs Plywood for the use of their well stocked warehouse at 1810 Brittmore. If you're looking for any kind of plywood or trim, they are the ones to check with.

### SHOW AND TELL

As usual the Show and Tell brought the best and the unusual.

Bill Hochmuth brought a beautiful cherry table with a Watco oil and wax finish.

Bob Sandlin made a supply basket for gardeners. I bet somebody copied this design.

Murray Gordon has become a trucker with his toy 18 wheeler complete with car carrier trailer. All the wheels were turned using a screw chuck on his lathe.

Fred Olson (haven't seen you for awhile fred) brought a jewelry box with wood dowelled hinges, plus a cedar receipt box and a toy station wagon. Yout getting better Fred.

Joan Bruggeman showed her work in chip carving and inlaid wood art. Outstanding!

Barry Ward brought a beautiful hand amde hand plane, that works.

### OLD BUISNESS

I mentioned last time that MVP had a new address, but somebody forgot to change the address in their ad. Fuss at John, I

plead innocent.

Don't forget that harold Evans has club caps and you can buy peronalized club T-shirts by calling T-Shirts Plus at 957-2035. I would sure like to see everyone get one for several reasons. One it shows up when we go to buy something at our various suppliers, which tells them we are worth the discounts and service they give us. Also, at our annual charity show and the other functions we attend it makes us stand out. I like people to know the fine organization I belong to. It also helps people who are looking for a club to find us. I often have people come to me and ask about the club when I'm wearing my t-shirt or cap.

The charity show is on. The membership voted for the Make-A-Wish foundation. I've met some of the kids and parents involved, so I can tell you straight out you should be proud of yourselves.

The show will be held again at the Northwest Mall near Loop 610 and Hwy 290. The date will be November 7th and 8th, which is friday and saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Its a lot of work, but it sure is alot of fun too!

Your head Chairman is Bob Soderblom, so I'll let Bob take over and give his comments:

If I were asked what word best describes my feeling having been "chosen" to be chairman and help organize this year's charity event, I would say CONFIDENT! Yes, we are starting later, but many of us perform better under a tight time schedule. Yes, the economy is down in certain areas, but still doing well in many other ares.

Neither Christmas nor the desire to help children in need will ever be cancelled due to lack of interest. That's why I am confident we will be proud of this club's contributions again this year.

Our hats are off again to last year's dedicated committee captains under the fine chairmanship of Sam Zeisman. They were Bill Beggs, Bruce DeHart, Bill Hochmuth, Don Sloan, and Hebert Wilbourn---, if I didn't overlook anyone. Their experienced assistance and advise to the new committee captains will insure a continuing strong support group.

This year's committee captains are listed below so every member of this club can call to offer their assistance:

Committee	Captain	Phone No.
advertising	Tom Maldonado	688-9390
demonstrations	Murray Gordon	729-6234
project plans	Rick Goodheart	578-8060
set up	David Montgomery	445-2191
schedules	Larry Rumsey	896-9292
	Hebert Wilbourn	682-7335
telephone	Jimmy Harp	664-4906

Here's the challenge---Each member make ONE item each month, August, September, October. First comes the thought, then the plan, followed by production. Anyone not already in the production mode has a chance to perform better with our tight time schedules.

.Do your best fellows.

If you need some ideas of things to make, just give Rick a call; he will check around and find you several projects depending on your skill level or interests.

#### WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

Murray says you can use a tape out of the library for one month by yourself. We have quite a few, so give him a call.

There are only a few clinics in process, because of the summer months. Call Murray if you are looking for a specific clinic or are willing to teach one.

We are still having the problem of people signing up for clinics and then on the day of the clinic not showing up or calling to cancel, which would leave a space open for the next person on the list. This is very rude to your host and I know all of us have been brought better, so if you can't come, CALL.

#### SPEAK OUT

It's that time time of the year again. Our charity show is right on top of us and we have so much to do. But where do we start?

About a year and a half ago when I first contacted the club about joining, I didn't really know what to expect. I had something that all of you in the club must have had or you wouldn't have joined. That something was a love of woodworking, friendship, and in a large way, making people happy. Sometimes we please someone simply by making a small item out of wood and giving it away. We make friends happy by sharing a tip or a technique.

Early in my relationship with the club I learned that we were to have a charity

show. Each of us was to make a minimum of two items for sale with the proceeds to go to a worthy charity. This was a simple enough task with most of the planning and organizing being done by our veteran members. I approached the show with great anticipation and enthusiasm. Our club would be getting together and pitching in to raise a lot of money for the Make-A-Wish kids. "Everyone" in the club would share in the joy of making a terminally ill child happy by granting a special WISH, that his or her family couldn't otherwise afford. But what I found out when the show came around and caught me by suprise, was where were all our club members? It seemed that the members that worked so hard at the show were for the most part, the same ones who planned and organized the show. this is a very small percentage of the club. Not only that - not every club member donated even one item. I really never understood apathy, and we all know what they say about excuses. I'm sure the same thing will happen again this year, but something different is going on. Some of us newer members are trying to get involved with the planning. I can only hope that we have as much success as our charter members who incidently are still in there to guide us through the show. We have some good ideas that I hope will help get more members involved. Those who want to help, but don't have shop facilities, see me at the meeting. We have some generous club members who have donated their time and shops for groups to make show items. There will be some weekend sessions where several woodworkers, like yourselves, will work together in a "production line" sort of system.

If you have any ideas, or plans that could be mass produced, see me or one of your club officers at the next meeting. Also, nearly all of us have a scrap bin with odd sized pieces that could lend themselves to small projects.

We will graciously accept usable donations of materials, (including glue and finishing supplies). All project donations are tax deductible.

Once again, we will be working for the Make-A-Wish children. If you have healthy children, count your blessings. Think a minute about those kids that don't have a chance to grow up and live a full life. They at least deserve a chance to smile. We can put that smile on their faces. Think of the happiness that we can make possible by getting up out of our chairs and donating to the show.

Its only once a year, so lets all get involved. You can rest when the show is over, but now it's time to get to work. We have so much to do and not enough time.

Please don't embarrass yourselves by sitting back again this year and letting the same club members do all the work. Get involved and share in the friendship, and happiness. Be proud of your club and yourselves.

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to have a perfect woodworking weekend. I had a relatively new shopsmith, some new accessories, a new project and an uninterrupted weekend to begin.

It all began on a Friday morning. I took my wife to the airport for her week long visit back home. On the way back, I stopped by a lumber dealer to pick up my hard woods and a 4 x 8 sheet of birch plywood. I had a car carrier atop my small sports car for the plywood. I strapped it down and took off.

I traveled slowly on I10, about 40 miles per hour with the blinkers on. Even with this cautious pace, disaster struck. The sharp edges of the plywood cut through the ropes, suddenly snapping and gusting off my car top, and cartwheeling down the freeway.

I was exceedingly fortunate that the plywood didn't cause a serious accident. The freeway was lightly traveled that morning, and the next car was a good safe distance behind. He still angrily honked at me, with good reason.

There was a considerable struggle to retrieve the plywood, which miraculously was still usable, and manhandled it onto the car. This time I roped it down to both bumpers, bowing it down to minimize the wind catching it. I got off the freeway and crawled down feeders and side streets the remaining 10 miles.

The weekend had started out on the left foot, and it seemed to stay there. I ran into numerous woodworking difficulties and design problems, along with having to cut around the flawed parts of the plywood. I worked in a small, confined room with tons of sawdust. I also experienced the symptoms of excessive thirst and loss of appetite.

Losing desire for food is cause for alarm with a skinny kid like me, but was generally diagnosed by concerned friends and anxiousness from being temporarily separated from my spouse.

I later discussed that I had a mild case of food poisoning, from eating too-old baloney. My nose full of sawdust preventing me from picking up the scent.

The project itself turned out very well, considering the circumstances. But even today, every time I look at it, I get a funny feeling in my stomach.

Your BOD has several meetings plan for the future. In September we will meet at Reynolds Laminate and Hardware for a program on cabinet hardware installation techniques and the different types of hardware available to you for different projects. I could really use some help here, so you can count on me being there.

In October one of our sponsor advertisers MVP will host a program on sharpening your tools, plus the care and feeding of your fine carbide tipped blades.

Our charity show is the same day as our regular meeting, so we will probably meet a week earlier on November 1st. I'm not sure what's planned yet, but you can bet it will be good. The whole year has been fantastic in the variety, interest, and quality, that I think the membership should give your BOD a big applause at the next meeting.

Sharon promises that the new bylaws will be included in this newsletter. If its not -sic her!

Our informal discussion section of the meeting has been taking a back seat the last couple of meetings. Don't forget about it; its a great chance to get a problem solved or a change in techniques learned.

#### NEW BUISNESS

Boy, everybody has really been letting us have it about our Charity Show. I hope it turns everybody on to do their best. I know everybodys preaching comes from their heart. Thats what I really like about us, we have a lot of HEART.

Imagine meeting in airconditioned comfort and you don't have to bring your own chair. Their place of buisnes is at 5304 Ashbrook.

To get there take the 610 Loop West to the Fournace/Bissonet, which is the first exit south of the Southwest Freeway (59). Turn west to Royalton and then south one block to Ashbrook

Our host will be Steve's neighbor, Wes Moreland, and his subject will be model railroading including displays and a demonstration. I think this ought to be fun and a change of pace. I always wanted a model train when I was a kid. Didn't you?

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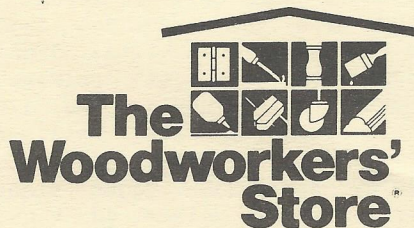
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